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33 die in Lebanese clashes

Karami sees Ahdab on Syrian peace plan

IRUJ. — Premier Raabid Karami conferred with the rebel military commander of Beirut on Syrian peace proposals yesterday, but the talks flared across the country. Karami, who arrived in Beirut yesterday, met with the commander of the Syrian army, Gen. Hafez Assad, and the self-appointed military governor of Lebanon, the two discussed the results of Karami's day-trip to Damascus on Saturday and the Syrian peace proposals he brought back with him, political sources said.

Ahdab also met the House Speaker, Kamel Assad, former Premier Saeb Salam and right-wing militia leader Pierre Jemayel, head of the Phalangists.

Strong opposition to the Syrian proposals was still being voiced by Socialist leader Kamel Jumblatt who threatened to lead his forces on an assault against the Baabda presidential palace where Franjeh loyalists are holding out against the resignation demands. "They requested a cease-fire but we said no because we are determined to carry out our military plans," Jumblatt told reporters.

Heavy fighting continued overnight between rival Christian and Muslim militia forces in Beirut's town district and between neighbouring villages of Aley and Khabbeh, southeast of the city.

Jerusalem gunmen captured the storey Holiday Inn in a vicious battle yesterday marking an important symbolic victory in the 11 war. Heavy explosions from snipers' rifles shook the neighbourhood as the retreating militants fought back from near-impregnable strongholds still under their control.

Ban on charters relaxed

By GEORGE LEONOF
Jerusalem Post Travel Reporter

The Cabinet yesterday unanimously accepted most of the recommendations by the government-appointed Heth Committee calling for relaxation of restrictions on charter flights. Agreed to were the introduction of charters from the U.S. West Coast and West Germany, and geographically unrestricted charters direct to Eilat and to Jerusalem.

Other categories of charter flights permitted would be for U.S. and Canadian military personnel and their families stationed in Europe, including Turkey, for "incentive tours" from the U.S. and Canada, and for special events. The latter could include international conventions, sports, cultural and other events, but are subject to approval in each case by a committee comprising representatives of the Tourism and Transport Ministries.

The Cabinet also called for the

El Al accepts Cabinet decision but will demand at least half of the charter traffic—See P. 3.

two ministries to set up joint committees to coordinate and implement the liberalized policy.

It made a point of stressing that any charter flight programme should grant El Al a fair share, saying the details of the business should be settled in negotiations between El Al and the foreign airline concerned.

Heth Committee recommendations not endorsed by the Cabinet were those calling for charter flights from Canada, and for students from the U.S.

The liberalized programme is to be reviewed after a three-year trial period.

With regard to Germany and U.S. military personnel, the Cabinet decided that part-charters will be considered in the same category as charters. Part-charters are flown by scheduled airlines, which allocate a certain part of an airliner's seating capacity to charter groups. The advantage to charter operators is that it permits them to dispatch smaller groups and not wait until most of a chartered airliner's capacity is booked up, while it permits scheduled airlines which rarely fly a full payload to sell berths that would otherwise be unoccupied.

Transport Minister Moshe Kol told the press after the Cabinet meeting enough time had been wasted in sterile arguments about charters. "It is now up to us — the Ministries of Transport and Tourism, and El Al to buckle down to serious work for the speediest implementation of the programme," he said. He was hoping that El Al would now join in the efforts wholeheartedly, and express confidence that it does so "the national airline will not suffer any losses, or would be affected only to an insignificant degree, and this would be offset by significant revenue to the national economy through increased tourism."

Mrs. Thatcher here for talks and tour

Jerusalem Post Staff

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, leader of Britain's opposition Conservative Party, said yesterday there would be no marked change in British foreign policy if her party came to power.

Mrs. Thatcher, who was arriving for a three-day visit, told reporters "foreign policies are on the whole continuous, even though governments change."

Asked about her feelings towards the PLO she said that during her January visit to Damascus she had "made her attitude very clear by stressing that international relations must not be conducted by terrorist means."

Mrs. Thatcher was met at the airport by Foreign Minister Yigal Allon. She will meet with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and is to travel today to Kibbutz Kfar Hana, where her daughter once spent her school holidays.



PATROLLING almost deserted Hebron yesterday morning, prior to the mayor's undertaking to attempt to restore civic peace, and the Defence Minister's decision to withdraw troops from the town. (Rahamim Israeli)

Ministers endorse steps to ensure order

By DAVID LANDAU
and ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post

PREMIER RABIN and Defence Minister Peres told the cabinet yesterday that they had "differences of opinion" over how to handle the West Bank unrest. They were queried by Ministers Shemtov and Rabin, who cited a report in yesterday's *Jerusalem Post* on differences between the two.

After a lengthy debate on the situation in the territories, held in the framework of the (secret) Ministerial Security Committee, the cabinet issued a statement "approving measures taken to ensure law and order." The cabinet "empowered the security forces to continue with these measures while at the same time maintaining the policy of Jewish-Arab coexistence."

In the "differences of opinion" between Rabin and Peres, which came to a head at a meeting last Thursday, the Premier demanded tougher action against rioters and civil disobedience. The Defence Minister, while favouring all necessary action to ensure security and essential services, favoured minimal interference in other aspects of civilian life.

Mr. Peres is understood to feel that no blanket rule can be laid down and applied to all the West Bank towns. Whereas he has acted with a heavy hand against Ramallah and El-Bireh—the curfews imposed there a week ago are still in force—he is opposed to tough action in Hebron, where he feels the local notables may still be able to stem unrest.

Mr. Peres also opposed army action by sweeps and schools closed down in acts of protest.

Likud leader Menachem Begin told *The Post* last night: "Rabbi Levinger should not have issued any statements whatsoever, in any form, concerning instructions to open fire on rioters. In a democratic country, such instructions may by law be issued only by the armed forces of the state."

"At the same time, however, the order restraining the Rabbi's movements is an unjustified over-reaction in that it prevents a man of religion from praying in the Tomb of the Patriarchs and keeps him out of the city of Hebron. The Defence Minister would do well to revoke this unjustified order forthwith," Begin told *The Post*.

Last Thursday, the morning after Levinger's controversial appearance on TV, two of his leading supporters (Continued on page 2, col. 6)

Sharon quits, saying PM rejected his advice

Jerusalem Post Reporter

PREMIER YITZHAK Rabin yesterday told the Cabinet that he had agreed to let Ahiat (Res.) Ariel Sharon go. But Defence Ministry and IDF circles took umbrage at Rabin's suggestion that Sharon return to the Regular Army, while Sharon himself explained that he did not want to remain with Rabin because the country was going downhill, politically and security-wise, and the Prime Minister would not accept his advice. Sharon had advised to the Prime Minister on March 31, Premier Rabin said.

He greatly appreciated the general's contribution in his post as adviser, Rabin said. Sharon's place, he believed, was in the Regular Army, and he hoped a positive solution would be found to this issue.

Although one Minister told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that "he believed some job had been proposed for Sharon and the reactions of Defence Minister Shimon Peres and Chief of Staff A. Mordechai were not best negative," sources close to the Defence Ministry pooh-poohed this. They said that Peres and Gur were just as adamant as before that Sharon should have a top post in the Reserves, but should not return to the Regulars since he was already a civilian and more-over involved in politics.

These sources said that Premier Rabin should raise his proposals about IDF posts for Sharon in direct contact with the officials involved, and not in Cabinet statements.

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Kadum debate put off

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The fate of the Kadum settlement is not now expected to be decided before mid-April at the earliest. Premier Rabin indicated at the Cabinet yesterday that he did not want a discussion on this issue until after the West Bank elections, scheduled for April 12.

The Kadum camp has been a focus of bitterness on the West Bank, and the Premier apparently does not want the long-awaited Cabinet debate on its future to take place under the shadow of the pre-election unrest in the area. Mr. Rabin said the election would take place as planned.

Mr. Rabin made his view known in response to a question from Foreign Minister Yigal Allon who wanted to know when the Kadum issue would come up. Allon has spoken out publicly for the removal of the Kadum settlers — members of Gush Emunim who originally pitched camp at Sebastia in December and were moved to Kadum army camp temporarily.

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High Court upholds ban on visit to Temple Mount

The High Court yesterday rejected the bid of a recent immigrant from Denmark to have the Police Minister ordered to allow him to visit the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

The applicant, Horlof Cohen, said he had at first been ordered by police to leave when he entered the Mount on February 14, and then been forced by them to cross the actual site of the Temple in the northern part of the enclosure and to travel in a car, though it was the Sabbath. He had not intended to pray, he added, and had carried no prayer book or tallit.

A Jerusalem Magistrate recently ruled that Jews had the right to pray on the Mount.

The court said that in the light of the current tension over prayer rights on the Mount and the applicant's behaviour, it was understandable that the police should have suspected he planned to pray there. As to his complaint that the police had violated his religious principles, he should first have borne in mind the ban which the chief rabbis have issued on Jews visiting the Mount.

Judgment was by Justices Berenson, Eilat and Shereshevsky.

Attorney-General Aharon Barak vigorously denied last night that there had been any attempt to speed up the wheels of justice so as to have the High Court decision handed down before today's Security Council debate on the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

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'A-Sha'ab' shut for defying censor

The Jerusalem Arabic newspaper "A-Sha'ab" has been ordered to shut down for 14 days, for having published an item the military censor had barred as being dangerous to public order, the army spokesman announced last night.

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Troops quit Hebron as mayor offers to cooperate

By ANAN SAFADI
POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

DEFENCE MINISTER Shimon Peres yesterday pulled troops out of Hebron after its mayor, Sheikh Mohammed Ali Ja'abari, told him he would endeavour to have law and order restored.

An uneasy calm spread throughout Judea and Samaria. This followed several weeks of unrest ostensibly over a Jerusalem magistrate's ruling that Jews could not be barred from entering the Temple Mount compound to pray.

Arab unrest can be expected to subside drastically following a High Court of Justice ruling yesterday reaffirming the Government's right to ban Jews from entering the Temple Mount.

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WEST GERMAN Finance Minister Hans Appel seen with Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz on his arrival yesterday for several days of talks on economic cooperation. Dr. Appel, who dined at the David Hotel last night as Mr. Rabinowitz's guest, will see domestic ministers today and meet Prime Minister Rabin tomorrow. On Wednesday he and his wife will tour the country as private visitors.

Also arriving from West Germany yesterday were the State Secretary for Agriculture, Heinz Juergen Rohr—for talks on agriculture and a delegation of Social Democratic members of the Bundestag, led by deputy SPD faction-head Guenter Metzger.

(Simionescu, for Israel Sun)

Seven held in probe of Netanya hotel fire

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NETANYA. — Police have arrested seven persons in connection with the fire which swept through the front Park Hotel early Saturday, killing four and injuring 38. The four people arrested are two Israelis and two foreigners. The other three are tourists and a Petah Tikva woman, were killed, although a police official had earlier said the number was five. Most of the injured, taken to hospitals in Hadera, Kfar Saba, Haifa and Petah Tikva, were discharged by yesterday afternoon. But the condition of three seriously injured admitted to Rambam Hospital was unchanged.

A special investigation team looking into the cause of the fire had no findings to report yesterday, and police officials declined to discuss its work or the likelihood that the fire had been set deliberately.

They also refused to comment on the seven suspects, but it was learned four of them were local men and three were Arabs from the vicinity. Unconfirmed reports said some of the suspects were employees of the hotel.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Clear with further rise in temperatures.
Weather synopsis: There is a ridge over the east Mediterranean.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem	74	6-13	4-16
Golan	74	6-14	4-16
Nahariya	74	13-19	10-14
Safed	74	7-13	4-14
Haifa Port	74	13-19	10-14
Tiberias	74	13-19	10-14
Nazareth	74	9-15	6-11
Afula	74	10-16	7-12
Shimon	74	10-16	7-12
Tel Aviv	74	10-16	7-12
B.G. Airport	74	10-16	7-12
Jericho	74	10-16	7-12
Gaza	74	10-16	7-12
Beer Sheva	74	10-16	7-12
Eilat	74	10-16	7-12
Tiran Straits	74	10-16	7-12

Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received Ambassador Shmuel Disheson, Israeli charge d'affaires in Ankara. He also received the participants in the Seminar on Babylonian Jewry's Heritage.

A group from the Institute for research into Maimonides' works in Haifa (Yad Harav David Assaf), presented the President with the fourth volume of the Maimonides concordance, which will be published in 15 volumes.

Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu met yesterday with 60 Iraqi Jews, part of a group holding a week-long seminar at Kiryat Anavim.

French Senate President Alain Poher yesterday visited the Hebrew University, and the construction site of the new Shaare Zedek medical centre in Jerusalem. Mayor Teddy Kolek of Jerusalem gave a reception for the visiting dignitary, attended by members of the diplomatic corps, clergymen and civic leaders.

Poher also met with a delegation of Jews from Arab Lands, headed by MK Mordechai Ben-Porat, Judge Haim Cohen, MK Matilda Ghez and Prof. Andre Chouraqui.

Mayor Teddy Kolek of Jerusalem will chair the meeting of the Hebrew University Forum tonight, 8 p.m., at the United Synagogue, 4 Rehov Agmon. Ruth Kluger-Alavi will lecture in English on "Bringing the illegals into Israel, 1938-1940."

IN MEMORIAM
The Broadcasting Authority and the Jerusalem Journalists Association will hold a shloshim memorial meeting for Hanech Givon tomorrow evening, at 8.15, at the Schaver Auditorium in Beit Agmon.

ARRIVALS

Dr. Hugo Mayr, vice president of Swissair, for a conference of Swissair representatives from Eastern Europe, at the Jerusalem Hilton.
Lawrence Peizer, Irving Shapiro, Norman Wall and Arnold Forster, on a study mission of Enal Eritria's Anti-Defamation League, from New York, to meet with the Prime Minister and other Government officials (by El Al).
Raya Jaglom, world Wizo president, from Geneva.
Joel Brestiau, UJA national chairman, from the U.S., to prepare for the UJA National Conference (by El Al).

DEPARTURES

Knesset Member Arye Eliaz, for New York, to begin a series of lectures at U.S. universities at the invitation of Prof. Nadav Sarban (by El Al).
Annette Dulzin, wife of Jewish Agency Treasury Arye Dulzin, to Rome to take part in Arye Week in five Italian cities held by Wizo.
Television star Valerie Harper, at the end of a week-long visit.

To mark the shloshim, a memorial service and unveiling of the tombstone in memory of our dear

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will be held on Thursday, March 25, 1976, at 4 p.m. at the Petah Tikva cemetery.

OSSENBERG, SIMPSON and GELLER FAMILIES

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of the head of our family

Dr. BENJAMIN BEN-ASSA

The funeral will take place today, Monday, March 22, leaving at 3 p.m. from Beersheba Central Hospital for the Municipal Cemetery

THE BEREAVED FAMILY

Kvutza Yotvata mourns the sudden tragic passing of

DEBBIE PERKY

nee Greenspoon

formerly of Detroit, Michigan

The funeral took place on Sunday, March 21, 1976, in Kibbutz Yotvata.

We extend deepest sympathies to our general manager

Mr. AARON KANDEL and FAMILY

on the loss of his Father

SALOMON KANDEL

who passed away in Buenos Aires on March 19.

The staff of Meia International Travel-Organisation

Cut price of rice, Histadrut demands

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut Executive yesterday demanded that the Ministry of Commerce and Industry cancel "unjustified" price rises and punish merchants who overcharge.

In a veiled rebuke of some Histadrut companies which increased prices, the executive said the labour federation's marketing chain should serve as a "restraining factor."

Specifically, the Histadrut wanted the ministry to reduce the price of rice because its cost in the world market went down by 27 per cent.

The executive also complained there was no justification for the rise in prices of instant coffee, salt, humus and tahina.

The executive also authorized the Central Committee to "ensure the

necessary income" for Kupat Holim. This clause opened the way for the sick fund to charge members for prescriptions.

Likud, Moked and the Black Panthers had proposed a no-confidence motion in the committee because it had agreed to price rises of up to 25 per cent for subsidized commodities. David Levi, a Likud leader, argued that the Histadrut had not ensured additional help for needy families. The no-confidence motions were rejected.

Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel pointed out it was impossible to expect in today's circumstances that the prices of basic commodities would never increase. "We have reached a situation in which bread is cheaper than wheat," he said.

Higher postal, phone fees in effect next month

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday approved a series of increases in telephone and postal charges.

The higher fees had been expected following the presentation of the state budget for next year, and the recent increases in electricity, gas, petrol and other basic-commodity prices.

Among the changes in postal rates are the following, which will become effective "at some date to be announced" after April 1. (The Communications Ministry spokesman explained that the date will be set only after Israel has completed all necessary notifications to the Universal Postal Union.)

- Inland letters (up to 20 grams) — 45 agorot, instead of 35.
- Inland letters without envelopes (up to 50 grams) — 55 ag., instead of 45.
- Postal card — 40 ag., instead of 30.

- Postal registration charge — IL2 per item, up from IL1.50.
- Special delivery charge — IL5, instead of IL4.

International postal charges were raised several months ago.

New telephone rates and fees will go into effect April 1, and include the following:

- Phone installation fee—IL1,500, up from IL1,100.
- Fixed monthly subscriber's fee for Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa — IL38 instead of IL30 for an individual line and IL35 instead of IL25 for a party line. Elsewhere in the country, the fixed monthly fee will be IL25 instead of IL20.
- A local call will cost 43 agorot instead of 34 agorot. The price of a telephone token will remain 50 agorot.
- Charges for international phone and telex services will rise by 7.5 per cent, to cover the last four "creeping" devaluations, the Knesset Finance Committee spokesman said.

Egged, Dan ask IL1 for bus ride

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Egged and Dan bus cooperatives want to raise the price of the minimum bus ticket from 70 agorot to one pound, it was reported yesterday.

According to the agreement between the Government and the Histadrut, subsidized goods — including bus fares — should not increase by more than 25 to 30 per cent. Thus, urban bus fares should only increase to 90 agorot. The Tel Aviv Municipality is also opposed to the steep rise.

Dan spokesman Aharon Shani told The Jerusalem Post they want the additional 10 agorot for convenience — it would save time in receiving money and giving change for tickets. He also said it would lower the Government subsidies to the bus cooperatives.

The bus cooperatives want the other two urban bus tickets to go up from IL1.20 to IL1.50 and from IL1.80 to IL2.

Although merger talks between Egged and Dan are continuing, officials from both cooperatives are pessimistic that the merger will take effect in another three months. Yesterday, for the first time, Dan secretariat members participated in Egged's secretariat meeting. According to a recent agreement the secretariats of the cooperatives will participate in each other's meetings.

'TV distorted West Bank disturbances'

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Israel Television's coverage of the disturbances in the West Bank and East Jerusalem was exaggerated, distorted and pernicious, Cabinet Ministers said yesterday.

It was objective, responsible and it shunned sensationalism. Broadcasting Authority heads said at a session of the Management Committee last night.

The ministers blasted the authority after hearing surveys on the disturbances in the Cabinet, taking their cue from Defence Minister Shimon Peres, who said: "Our image has been falsified and distorted by Israel Broadcasting."

Peres said the demonstrators in many cases had been "playing to the TV camera."

Last night Mafan Minister Shimon Rosen told The Post: "None of us could find a single good word for the TV coverage." Moshe Baran, Minister of Labour, said: "The topic was extremely delicate and the events spoke for themselves without TV needing to have emphasized them so prominently."

However, the director-general of the authority, Yitzhak Livni, and the head of Israel Television, Arnon Zuckerman, had warm praise for TV's coverage of the riots and for the maturity of the reporters. Every member of the authority's Management Committee endorsed their view.

The Cabinet later approved a three-month budget for the Broadcasting Authority to the tune of IL49.6m.

A Cabinet source said the authority's budget for the full year — IL198.4m. — was not approved, because this item on the agenda only came up at 3.30 p.m. when the session was drawing to a close.

One Cabinet Minister said the approval of an interim budget was not, as in the past, an expression of ministerial reservations about the authority's news coverage.

Held for role in escape of arms theft suspects

TEL AVIV. — A suspect in thefts of IDF arms for sale to criminals and subversive elements was yesterday ordered held for 15 days on suspicion of having helped two soldiers involved in the case to escape from the Athlit military lockup ten days ago.

The two soldiers — Meir Ziv and Doron Dahan — sawed through the bars of their cell with hacksaw blades believed to have been smuggled to them inside toothpaste tubes.

Police yesterday told the Magistrate's Court that the two may have succeeded in fleeing abroad.



Premier Yitzhak Rabin visited several Civil Guard units in Jerusalem yesterday. He is seen introducing himself here to two volunteer guards, Bella and Gershon Faigin of Bayit Vegan, new immigrants from San Diego. (Weiss)

UN circles: Moslem resolution is 'mild'

By DAVID LANDAU and WOLF BLITZER

The U.S. is not now expected to veto the Pakistani-Libyan draft resolution at today's special Security Council debate on the West Bank situation. The draft condemns Israel for "desecration" of the Holy Places and for "repression" of the local populace, but it does not urge sanctions and is therefore considered relatively "moderate" in U.N. circles.

Informed observers in Jerusalem said last night they were therefore by no means confident of an American veto. They expected the U.S., along with other Western member-states, to abstain.

Earlier yesterday, Israel formally asked the U.S. to oppose the draft, but by last night no American response had yet been received.

Observers in Washington said there were indications that the Arab sponsors of the resolution might agree to some watering down of its more offensive paragraphs as the behind-the-scenes diplomatic wrangling proceeded — in order to ensure there was no American veto.

The American decision will be taken by President Ford and Dr. Kissinger — probably at the last moment, when wording of the text is finalized.

Israel officials both in Jerusalem and Washington again stressed yesterday that Israel's participation in the debate, despite PLO participation, neither intended nor implied a change of policy towards the PLO. Foreign Minister Yigal Allon made the same point at the Cabinet meeting yesterday. Ministers Shimon Harel and Yitzhak Rabin queried the decision to take part in the Council debate, but in the event the decision was endorsed without opposition.

Ambassador Haim Herzog, who is expected to be among the first speakers, will stress the false pretext — religious sentiments — exploited by the demonstrators in their recent riots.

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Ya'acobi plan clears way for new air cargo firm

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter
Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi has apparently come up with the solution to a dispute which has held up establishment of a new air cargo transport firm proposed by Aluf (Res.) Mordechai Hod, a former Air Force chief.

Ya'acobi proposed that El Al hold 49 per cent of the shares; Hod and the other investors with import-export interests would hold another 49 per cent; and the Government would have 2 per cent.

This proposal was accepted by Hod and the farmers, who have been demanding creation of such a firm without El Al control. El Al has not yet consented to this division, but it is expected to do so.

The Transport and Agriculture Ministers decided to approve the creation of the new company after consulting with Premier Yitzhak Rabin. Hod, saying the capital investment would be no problem to raise, had proposed the new firm

chiefly as an alternative to shipping agricultural produce via El Al. Hod claimed he could cut the freight costs by an average of \$400 per ton. He immediately received backing from large groups of farmers, who said El Al's high shipping prices made it hard for them to compete on the export market.

But a dispute arose over ownership of the new firm, when El Al insisted on retaining a controlling interest in it, while the farmers and Hod opposed this. (The farmers, at one point, insisted that El Al remain totally out of the picture.) The Transport Minister's compromise appears to have paved the way for forming the new company.

U.S. envoy complains of criticism on arms sales

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — U.S. Ambassador Malcolm Toon said here yesterday that Americans "do not like to be told that if they supply C-130s to Egypt, they encourage war." Picking at the U.S. in this manner, he added, risks spoiling "the special relationship which has been built over the years" between the U.S. and Israel.

The envoy was speaking to scholars and students at the Aranne School of History at Tel Aviv University, in a U.S. bicentennial event. Toon pointed to the many proofs of goodwill on the part of the U.S. towards Israel, such as the five-fold increase of aid in three years, and the use of the veto (four times in connection with Israel out of a total of 11).

It was natural that U.S. and Israel views may not always coincide, but there was need for a "frank appraisal" with the Israelis in the effort to arrive at a satisfactory solution. What the Americans resented, however, was what he described as the unjustified criticism which unduly inflated occasional differences into dangerous tensions.

He quoted from a recent "Washington Post" article saying that Israel should have known that the U.S. would supply arms to Egypt once Sadat broke with the Soviets. Toon said the American objective was lasting peace and it did not want to lose the momentum started by the Sinai and Golan agreements.

Agami at the same time stated his own opinion that the party should resume regular activities by working together through its elected institutions and prepare for internal elections to the party convention.

Other participants at the Eban caucus made certain to inform some of Rabin's close associates that they had no intention of lending their hand to the formation of a new political grouping within the Labour Party. Eban is reported to have said after the meeting that similar such gatherings were likely to take place in the future. Rejecting claims that he was organizing opposition to the party leadership, Eban said his main intention was to strengthen the party by trying to formulate clearer policy.

Although taking exception to some of the views voiced at the meeting,

Church: CIA leak on Israel 'biggest goof'

WASHINGTON. — Democratic presidential candidate Frank Church said yesterday that his Senate Intelligence Committee was investigating a Central Intelligence Agency leak that Israel may have nuclear weapons.

The Idaho senator, who formally entered the presidential race last week, called the CIA leak "an enormously significant thing" which Congress must investigate.

"The CIA had a cocktail party the other day and at that cocktail party divulged that Israel had 10 to 20 nuclear weapons," Church said in a televised interview.

"What action is being taken against the agency for this biggest goof in the way of leaks that I can imagine, the biggest I've ever seen in Washington? I haven't even heard of a reprimand from the President," he said.

According to reports, a cocktail party was held at CIA headquarters in Langley, Virginia, two weeks ago for members of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. About 150 persons attended the off-the-record briefing. One guest then reported in a science newsletter the scientists were advised Israel "may" have 10 to 20 nuclear weapons. A Washington newspaper picked up the report, written by the newsletter editor, which indicated the CIA knew the Israelis had nuclear arms.

The newsletter editor is presumed to be Arthur Kramish, who edits "Science Trends" for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). The Washington correspondent for "Ma'ariv" has reported that NASA has asked Kramish to resign because of his article. (UPI)

Admits stabbing footballer, but denies murder charge

TEL AVIV. — The accused killer of Rehovot football player Mordechai Kiend, Shimon Karawa of Kfar Gabirol, yesterday admitted he had stabbed Kiend, but it was during a fight in which the victim had threatened him with a brick.

As the trial began in District Court here, Karawa's attorney asked that the charge be changed from murder to manslaughter, but the prosecutor did not agree. The prosecution called two eye-witnesses, one of them a teammate of Kiend's, who said they saw the stabbing and the knife in Karawa's hand, last December 6.

Karawa sat through the testimony with his head in his hands. He took the stand for the defence and testified he had bought the knife a month before the killing, to protect himself from someone who had threatened him. He said he had never taken an interest in football, and was not acquainted with Kiend.

When the fight on the field started, Karawa said, he and his friends became involved "like everyone else." Kiend attacked him, Karawa said, and he used the knife when the football player picked up a brick and threatened him with it.

But cross examination showed Karawa had told the police, immediately after he was arrested, that "we were all angry with the two brothers on the Rehovot team, who always threatened our players (of Kfar Gabirol)." The accused could not explain how he knew of the Rehovot players if he took no interest in football, as he had testified.

The trial will continue at a later date. (Itim)

J'lem services won't change in new budget

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Municipal services in Jerusalem will not improve next year, but then they won't get any worse either.

This picture of stabilization emerged yesterday at a meeting of the Municipal Finance Committee, at which a proposed budget of IL613m. for the coming year was presented by Mayor Teddy Kolek. The budget represents a 24 per cent growth over the present budget, the first time in recent years that the budget has not increased by 40-50 per cent.

City Treasurer Yosef Uziel said afterwards that the budget growth just about covered the growth in the index and population increase.

Kolek pledged that increased efficiency will enable the level of services to be maintained despite a continuing policy of reduction in the number of city employees. This year, 430 vacated positions, 8 per cent of the total number of municipal positions, were not filled.

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ers in the Likud's Herut wing, Geula Cohen and Yitzhak Shamir, spoke to the Kiryat Arba chief over the phone from the Knesset, and told him he had blundered.

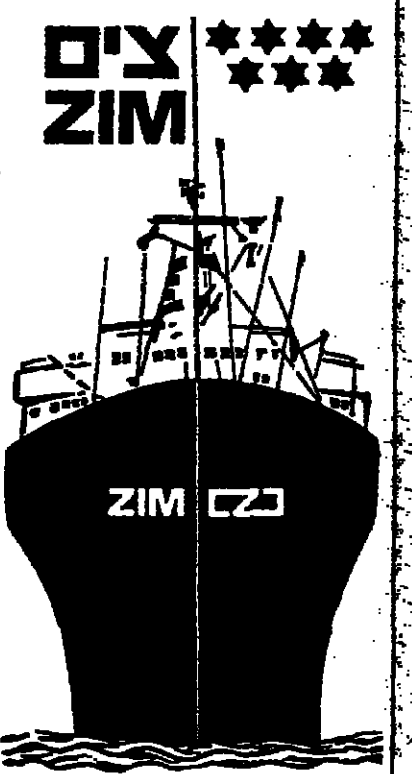
Joshua Brilliant adds: Rabbi Levinger himself, interviewed on the radio last night, accused the military government of bootlicking Mayor Mohammed Ali Ja'abari and endangering the settlers' security. Other Kiryat Arba leaders complained that Hebron would interpret the ban on Levinger's entry into the city as a partial imprisonment of "the Jewish Mukhtar."

They denied they had caused a deterioration of the situation in Hebron last week and claimed they had helped restore order.

Yigal Klein, their spokesman, said they had moved in after receiving reports that 1,000 Arabs were storming their restaurant near the Tomb of the Patriarchs. The soldiers in town did not intervene, he claimed, so the Kiryat Arba settlers went into Hebron, chased Arab stone throwers through the alleys, beat them up and handed 50 over to the military government. Army and police commanders had put settlers in charge of quarters and one commander gave them 2,000 bullets which they still had, Klein added. He refused to say who that commander was.

Rabbi Levinger himself declined to say whether he would comply with the military governor's ban. He said he was "not an individual but part of a group, and we will fight this order as a group."

TEN WIVES of foreign diplomats and UN personnel stationed in Jerusalem last week began a six-week seminar on the archaeology of the Holy Land at the Hebrew University. Among participants is Mrs. Ensis Silasvuo, wife of the chief of the UN peace-keeping force in the Middle East.



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Haifa firms warn Arabs not to strike

Jerusalem Post Staff
AIFA. — Representatives of economic organizations in Haifa recommended yesterday that their Arab workers be warned that severe measures will be taken against them if they participate in general countrywide strikes by Arab workers on March 30. These measures may include firing the workers who do not show up for work and not paying them compensation, it was said. The officials met yesterday to determine what action to take if the strike is held. They will meet again Thursday to make their final decision.

The organizer of the meeting, Yehuda Meir, secretary of the Haifa Chamber of Commerce, walked to the press before the meeting when he was asked to comment on "turning the meeting into a platform for political propaganda," adding it had been held for a "serious discussion of economic steps" to be taken in case a strike call was successful. Amnon Lim, MK (State List), said that the general strike is the beginning of a nationalist struggle, encouraged by the New Communist Party (Rakach) and other Palestinian elements. He stressed that its purpose was to wage the Israeli economy and to wage destruction in the state. At Shifram, a Galilee town, representatives of Arab local councils met yesterday to decide whether to take part in the strike. Their conclusions were not known. Lim adds that in Nazareth, where the Rakach city administration decided to call the whole town out on strike March 30, it is still unclear how many local people will participate. Rakach leaders are trying to rally support, while government officials are busy persuading merchants not to join.

Propose limiting shlihut

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter
A proposal to limit the services of shliha emissaries to six months and provide them with offices and residences maintained by the local Jewish community will be raised at the 10th anniversary convention of the Association of American and Canadian in Israel.

The silver anniversary convention will bring over 230 delegates and emissaries, plus scores of observers from Government and Jewish Agency officials, to Beer Sheva tomorrow for a day of discussion on immigration and Israeli society.

The best shliha (emissaries) are migrants who serve in their native countries," says Sima Altman, acting national president of AACI. Since new immigrants who have tied down successfully in Israel are reluctant to go abroad for two years of service, we propose a shortening of the period of shlihut," says the emissary and his family still spend weeks organizing his life and finding a flat, she explains, much time could be saved if they were provided by the Jewish community.

Other issues to be discussed are large-scale rental housing for new migrants (especially singles), the ally of life and government bureaucracy. A petition urging the government to rescue the Falashas in Ethiopia is being circulated by AACI delegates. Younger AACI members are expected to demand greater participation in the organization.

A new national president will also be elected. (According to reliable sources, there has been widespread dissatisfaction with the current AACI leadership.) The chairman of the convention, William Goldfarb, stepped out of the race shortly after his nomination, leaving the post for former New York lawyer Itzhak Helms, who is there in no time-minute opposition.

Delegates to the convention, representing the 11,200 AACI members, were selected by branches of the organization, and will represent every town, kibbutz, moshav and her settlement with over 50 members.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin will address the convention tomorrow night at the Rabin Conservatory of Music in Beer Sheva. The rest of the sessions will take place at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. Mayors of several towns and cities around the country in the last few days held receptions in honor of their American and Canadian residents to mark North American Day. The host municipalities were presented with gift certificates of trees, planted in the AACI Memorial Forest, where American and Canadian heroes who fell in Israel's defense are honored.

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The scene at Ben-Gurion Airport's arrivals terminal one day last week. El Al reports there has been a "spectacular recovery" in tourism recently.

El Al wants 50% of charter trade

By ZEEV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent
TEL AVIV. — El Al has yielded to the unavoidable and will enter the charter market — but it will claim "at least 50 per cent of the charter traffic" — company president Mordechai Ben-Ari told a panel meeting of aviation correspondents here yesterday. Such a preference should also be given to the national carriers of the countries where the charters originate, Ben-Ari said, explaining that this policy was essential to maintain the commercial interests of foreign carriers in Israel and ensure El Al's landing rights overseas.

There will be no need to set up any El Al-affiliated charter company, El Al will be able to operate such flights on its own. There is no IATA (International Air Transport Association) law forbidding member countries from operating such flights, Ben-Ari said, noting that the biggest charter flight operator in the world is Pan American. Ben-Ari said all the decisions of the Government concerning charter flights will be carried out "with optimum efficiency." But he added that the "spectacular recovery" of

tourist traffic to Israel during the past few months has shown that there is no relation between charter flights and increased tourism. El Al's opinion on this issue remains unchanged, he said: the airline believes implementation of the charter recommendations, in their present scope, will hurt El Al economically and will affect the general pattern of scheduled flights to and from Israel.

Ben-Ari disclosed that El Al plans to introduce a world-wide innovation in cheap flights next winter. Tentatively known as the "holiday fare," the new category will be even cheaper than the current lowest inclusive group fares and will probably be able to compete with charter flights.

The secret of the new category lies in the reduction of free on-board service. Passengers will have to buy their boxed meals and may even have to carry them on board. The savings on meals, reduction of the number of cabin attendants and the elimination of the galley — which will increase the number of seats or general payload on board — should enable El Al to offer its passengers a substantial fare cut.

Hike in car insurance on April 1

By YITZHAQ OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — As of April 1, the cost of compulsory third-party automobile insurance will go up by 25 per cent. For motorists who carry comprehensive insurance, the premiums will go up by 12 1/2 per cent. The increases were confirmed last night by Insurance Commissioner Ya'acov Pickler.

The Jerusalem Post, however, was told by the manager of one of the country's leading insurance companies that the April 1 price increase is "not the end." He said another price hike in compulsory insurance will take effect in September, when the new no-fault auto insurance becomes effective.

The new law will make the insurance companies fully responsible to compensate persons injured in road accidents, without first deciding who was responsible for the accident. This will increase the risks of the insurance companies.

Another leading insurance company official said the increase was necessary because of inflation. While only a couple of years ago a minor road accident ended with IL200 to IL400 damages, the cost today can be from IL1,000 and up, he said.

Peres meets with settlers along Lebanese border

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Kfar Hanassi. — Defence Minister Shimon Peres yesterday took part in a special meeting of mayors and heads of local and regional councils along the northern frontier.

He was accompanied by the OC Northern Command, Aluf Rafael Eytan, and senior officers from the command. It was the second meeting of the same nature, and Peres briefed the delegates on the situation in Lebanon and along the border.

The Defence Minister said: "We are well aware of the Lebanese situation... and from hour to hour there are new developments there." Peres called for restraint in the military response, and pointed to the fortification of settlements and other security matters undertaken by the army along the northern frontier.

Aluf Eytan said that the presence of "Palestine Liberation Army" elements, deserters from the Lebanese army and terrorists in south Lebanon must be a threat to Israel. He also told the settlements to strengthen weak settlements and to count on themselves as well as far as fortification and other security efforts are concerned.

Most of the delegates said they have complete faith in the role of the IDF and the other security forces. But they added that the border settlements need them to help carry the burden of guard duty.

Some of the delegates, mainly those from regional councils representing moshavim, said there is a difference in the situation facing kibbutzim and that facing moshavim or towns near the line.

The chairman of the Metulla Local Council, Assaf Frankel, was criticized by some of the delegates for his declarations in the media calling for a tough line against Lebanon. Several of them told him these statements could harm the tourist business. He replied that he was not willing to cover up the situation along the border for the sake of business.

Dan Levanon, chairman of the Upper Galilee Regional Council, told The Jerusalem Post after the meeting that most of the representatives had left with a good feeling. They had had a chance to express their feelings, had received clarification and came out of the meeting encouraged, he said.

Much had been done in the past few months, he added. He was certain that the work of fortifying and strengthening the settlements would continue.

FAILURE TO SETTLE The Negev, which occupies 65 per cent of Israel's land area, constitutes a danger to the State, Deputy Communications Minister Eli Moyal told the Knesset Labour Committee on Friday. He said 64 per cent of Israel's population lives in the Negev, in a density of 28 per square kilometre compared to 2,400 per sq.km. on the Coastal Plain.

'Slum-dwellers stranded in middle of building site'

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Three families from the Sheikh Munis slum are now living in the middle of a construction site, on land that has been annexed for the expansion of Tel Aviv University.

This was reported to the press yesterday by the self-appointed spokesman for Tel Aviv slum-dwellers, Elimelech Ron. He warned of demonstrations if the families were not relocated within a fortnight.

The members of the three families, he explained, are all aged and sickly. They were not moved from their homes, located next to the construction site of the university's new engineering school. With the bulldozers at work, the dwellings are surrounded by debris which prevents easy access to the houses and occasionally results in electrical failures and damage to water pipes.

Ron said that during the recent rain the homes were flooded due to the construction around them. He said each municipal agency sends the families to another, and each shirks responsibility.

He added that 45 Sheikh Munis families have agreed to evacuate their slum dwellings for compensation ranging from IL140,000 to IL250,000. Another 18 families have yet to reach agreement with the municipality and are afraid that if the construction continues they may soon find themselves in the same situation as the three families trapped in the building site.

Deputy Mayor Perez Unikowsky, who is in charge of the municipal housing portfolio, says that alternative housing in various parts of town has been offered all the families. Not all, however, had been willing to settle for what the city was ready to give.

Army medical officer sees no serious drug problem

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The chairman of the committee studying drug abuse in the army said yesterday reports of the seriousness of the problem were exaggerated.

Tel-Aviv Dr. Dan Michael, chief medical officer, told a press conference here he did not believe the number of drug-takers was higher than in the past, nor was a serious campaign required.

According to preliminary data, abusers take non-addictive drugs and are usually in service units. At present heavy users are expelled from the army, but not every soldier who tries drugs is discharged.

T/A Michael reported he was trying to find a common denominator among drug-takers. The findings, expected in a month, will serve as a basis for policy recommendations. Measures will require coordination among psychologists, the Medical Corps, Military Police, field security and educators.

In other medical matters, Michael reported that over 80,000 people who had been exempt from military service have been re-examined, but only a small minority had been drafted and only half of them were posted to combat units. The re-examination was in response to public pressure, he added.



T/A Michael

Soldiers whose "profile" (medical classification) is above 65 can now serve in front-line units (compared with 82 previously). But soldiers with low medical classification are assigned to easier jobs, he said.

Cricketers oiling the willow

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Players up and down the country are oiling the willow and getting into training for the opening of the Israel Cricket Association's ninth national league season on April 3.

A total of 15 teams will compete in the two-section competition. Haifa has returned after an absence of several years. Negev South, Dimona, is taking part for the first time — joining Dimona's senior club "Lucky Stars." Other teams from the Negev are Beer Sheva and Yeruham.

Ashdod, the heartland of Israel cricket, provides four entries, including last year's champions, Young Ashdod, which heads one section of the new league. Petah Tikva 'A', runners-up in 1975, heads the other group.

Highlight of the season will be a fortnight's tour in October by London's highly-rated Harrow Club, whose six-match itinerary includes a two-day "Test" against Israel. Harrow was first here in 1973, and is the only overseas cricket team to have visited Israel to date. The

Londoners will be accompanied by some 50 supporters.

At the association's recent ninth annual general meeting, Ivan Kantor was re-elected chairman for the sixth year. Also nominated to the Executive were N. Davidson, Elad, H. Jonathan, G. Andil, M. Gubin and R. Uhelef.

David Golding was named Israel's permanent representative on the London-based International Cricket Conference (ICC), to which she was admitted as an associate member in 1974. The ICC is planning a "mini-world cricket cup" for the 15 associate members. The idea of holding this special competition follows the success of last summer's first world cricket cup in England, with six full members and two associates, Sri Lanka and East Africa, participating. The cup was won by the West Indies.

ME ABYE ELIAV has donated the proceeds from the sale of the luxury edition of his book "Eshkol" to the Disabled Veterans Fund. The sales are expected to bring in IL100,000. So far IL30,000 have been turned over to the fund.



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'Waterspout' spins trawler like a top, but fishers not hurt

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Four fishermen escaped without injury — although they lost IL12,000 worth of fishing tackle — when their trawler was hit head on by a "waterspout" — a rare meteorological phenomenon.

In recounting the experience on his trawler to The Post, Moshe Dagul, a veteran fisherman, said they had been fishing last Wednesday in a calm sea, south of Gaza, 14 miles off shore, in the trawler Nahshol ("Torment"). "Suddenly, about 2.30 a.m. we were hit by a column of whirling water," he said.

"The boat was whirled around like a nutshell, and tons of water crashed onto our deck. We soon overcame our first shock and started pulling in our tackle. In a few minutes the whole thing was over, and the sea became calm again." The experience had been "frightening and stunning." In his 36 years at sea, he had "never seen anything like it, much less been hit like that and twisted around like a top."

Immediately after the spout settled, he used his radio-telephone to contact other trawlers in the area; but none of them had seen or experienced the spout.

He added that the lost fishing tackle was not insured. A waterspout appears as a conical mass of water, rising from the surface of the sea, to meet, by a prolongation of its apex, a similar but inverted cone of cloud. The conditions for its formation apparently are a whirlwind over the sea during humid weather.

AN ANTIQUITIES MARATHON — 3 1/2 hours of films on archaeology — will be staged at the Tel Aviv Museum tomorrow, from 6.30 p.m. The subject matter comes from such places as Italy, Burma, Iran, Greece, Egypt, Mexico and Turkey. Another 3 1/2 hours' worth will be screened on Wednesday at Jerusalem's Israel Museum (same hours).

S. Africa to withdraw troops from Angola if dam is secure

JOHANNESBURG. — South Africa will withdraw its remaining troops from inside Angola by next Saturday if assurances it has received on the security of a dam site they are guarding prove correct, Prime Minister John Vorster announced yesterday.

Vorster's statement, made both at Cape Town and at the UN, tended to defuse a debate the Security Council is scheduled to start tomorrow afternoon on an African complaint of South African aggression against Angola, based on the presence of the troops.

The announcement said the heavily-armed troops were in Angola only to protect the lives of the workers and safeguard the installations at the South African-financed Calueque Dam on the Cunene River, which supplies water to Ovamboland in South African-administered South West Africa. They have been estimated to number 5,000.

They are the last South African troops inside Angola although another detachment is guarding a similar site in the town of Ruacana which straddles the Angola-South Africa border. The Calueque Dam is about 22 kms. inside Angola.

South Africa has repeatedly stated that once it received assurances guaranteeing the security of workers at Calueque and the dam site itself, the troops would be withdrawn.

"We have in the past few days received through a third party assurances which in general terms appear to be acceptable to us," Vorster said. "We are checking whether we are interpreting these assurances correctly, and if this is so, South Africa will withdraw its troops... from the Calueque area not later than March 27." But the go-between was not identified.

Vorster said that South Africa was "forced to occupy the Calueque Dam site" last August 9 because of a breakdown of law and order, while Portugal still governed Angola. "We did this solely for the purpose of protecting the lives of the workers and of safeguarding the installations," he said.

He said South Africa urged Portugal to take over this task but the Portuguese could not do so at the time and asked South Africa to continue the protection until they could — which they never did.

The Soviet-supported Popular Movement (MPLA) government in Angola, headed by President Agostinho Neto, has repeatedly called on South Africa to withdraw its forces and vowed to drive out "all invaders" from the country. (AP, Reuter)

Patty Hearst guilty, but may be freed

SAN FRANCISCO. — Patricia Hearst was found guilty Saturday of willingly helping her guerrilla kidnappers in a bank robbery in April 1974, but the prosecution said she may serve no time in prison.

Minutes after the jury told a startled courtroom that Miss Hearst was guilty of two counts of bank robbery, Prosecutor James Browning told a press conference Miss Hearst's sentence might be limited to time already served and she could turn state's evidence in future trials.

She could, however, be sentenced to up to 35 years in jail.

Questioned on the possibility of her turning state's witness against her former Symbionese Liberation Army captors and SLA sympathizers, Browning said, "That's not uncommon in our criminal justice system."

Miss Hearst, 22-year-old heiress to the Hearst newspaper fortune, has already served six months in jail since her arrest last September, after 16 months on the run from authorities with the last remnants of her kidnapper band.

The seven-woman jury had deliberated the verdict for 12 hours over a two-day period.

After her sentencing Miss Hearst is expected to be transported immediately to Los Angeles, where she will be tried on 11 counts of robbery, assault and kidnapping arising out of a gun battle at a sporting goods store there on May 16, 1974.

MAXIMS. — Fire broke out early yesterday in the staff dining-room of Maxims, one of the world's most prestigious restaurants. No one was hurt, but substantial damage was caused in the staff quarters. The kitchens were not damaged, and the Paris restaurant was expected to reopen today as usual.



Patty Hearst, escorted by U.S. Deputy Marshal Janie Jiminer, arriving in San Francisco court on Saturday. (AP radiophoto)

Turkish FM to U.S. for defence talks

ISTANBUL. — Turkish Foreign Minister Hasan Sabri Caglayangil flew to New York yesterday for talks in Washington later this week on reopening American bases in Turkey.

"The most important issue is the U.S. arms embargo imposed on Turkey," Caglayangil said in a departure statement.

Turkish officials said the embargo must be repealed and U.S. military aid to Turkey increased before American bases are reopened. The U.S. Congress banned military sales and aid to Turkey 13 months ago because of Turkey's July 1974 invasion of Cyprus.

Turkey retaliated last summer by closing down 26 American bases engaged in collecting military intelligence from the Soviet Union.

Caglayangil will meet President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger on Wednesday to discuss a new Turkish-American defence pact under negotiation since October.

Turkish officials said they doubted the treaty could be finalized during Caglayangil's visit. (UPI)

Boxer jailed for murder out on bail

PATERSON, New Jersey. — Black boxer Rubin (Hurricane) Carter, a former contender for the world middleweight title, was freed on \$20,000 bail here yesterday after sitting in jail for nine years, pending a re-trial on a triple murder charge.

Carter, 38, and John Artis, 30, his co-defendant at the trial nine years ago, won a re-trial last week when the New Jersey Supreme court found that the prosecution had withheld evidence which could have helped the defence. Both defendants had denied killing three men in a bar in Paterson in 1966.

Artis was out on \$15,000 bail.

VOYE. — Poles turned out yesterday for their national elections, expected to give 99 per cent endorsement to lists of official candidates. (AP)

Teng could survive by repenting

PEKING. — China's senior Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping, the main target of an "anti-rightist" campaign, could still survive politically if he "sincerely repented," the "People's Daily" indicated yesterday.

In a surprisingly moderate front-page commentary, the newspaper asked if Teng would "have a genuine change of heart and sincerely repent? People are watching to see what his attitude is."

Informed observers said the article was a strong hint that if Teng did "confess" he might be able to become a working vice-premier again. Even so they thought it unlikely he could hold onto his senior army and party posts.

The commentary was also seen as a sign that Teng, with the stubbornness for which he is renowned, was refusing to bow before the torrent of abuse launched by his ultra-leftist critics. (Reuter)

Solzhenitsyn warns Spain of Communism

MADRID. — On live national television, exiled Russian writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn warned Spaniards of Communism and of democratic reforms that come too quickly.

The Nobel Prize winner's statements on Saturday night gave strong support to the cautious step-by-step reform programme adopted by the post-Franco government.

Members of the Spanish opposition condemned Solzhenitsyn's comment yesterday as "completely out of touch with the current situation in today's Spain."

"The similarity of his words with the position of right-wing governing circles is a coincidence that is suspicious," socialist leader Prof. Enrique Tierno Galvan said.

The writer told the television audience, "Young progressive circles say you have a dictatorship. Do you know what a dictatorship is really like?"

He added that if Russians had as much freedoms as the Spaniards "We would not believe our eyes." (UPI)

American diplomat ousted from Guinea

YAOUNDE, Cameroon. — U.S. Ambassador Herbert Spiro said Saturday he was expelled as U.S. representative to Equatorial Guinea on charges of being a spy and a murderer, which he described as "grotesque and ridiculous."

Spiro said it was "unfortunate" that he and U.S. Ambassador Consul William C. Mithoefer were declared persona non grata there last week.

The incident resulted in a breaking of diplomatic relations between the West African nation and the U.S. (UPI)

LAW OF THE SEA

THE GRIM CONFRONTATION between British and Icelandic fishermen has gone a long way to dramatize the need for a common global policy on marine rights. But this is merely one facet of the problem, for there are others which will provide future irksome issues. It is for this reason that the Third UN Law of the Sea Conference opened in New York a week ago, and will continue for another seven weeks.

Although the conference does not deal specifically with the existing maritime disputes such as the cod war, or the rivalry between Greece and Turkey over Aegean Sea mineral rights, they strongly influence the thinking of the 3,000 delegates from 156 countries as they try to work out general principles.

The average newspaper reader vaguely believes it all has something to do with territorial waters, but more and more are becoming aware that it is considerably more than that. Essentially, the conference, the third in the past two years (there was one in Caracas in 1974 and another in Geneva 10 months ago) is concerned with three basic subjects:

- A 12-mile territorial sea.
- A 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) where nations could exercise exclusive rights to all natural resources in the waters and in the seabed. Fishing limits are included in this.
- Deep-sea mining.

Nationalism, the most important force in politics, has its impact so far in 30 per cent of the world's surface — the land. But the riches of the sea have become part of politics and the conference will try to have nations attain control in an orderly fashion over another 25 per cent of the globe's surface, this time on water.

The EEZ is mainly concerned with fish and oil. It includes about 80 per cent of the world's fisheries and virtually all the offshore oil now exploited. Oil was taken care of in a 1958 convention providing a legal basis for exploiting the continental shelf. But the influence on fishing is more important and competition for access to rich fishing grounds is growing — for this \$46,000m. industry employs about five million workers and provides an important source of protein food.

The third and potentially the most vital part of the marine problem is that of deep-sea mining. This is another field in which international agreement may be preceded by unilateral action and on which the UN conference is still divided. There is accord that an international body be formed to control the exploration and exploitation of seabed minerals outside the EEZ. But there are sharp differences on the powers and functions of such an authority.

With the world running short of mineral riches and the continuous rise in labour costs, both of which lead to inevitable political black mail, commercial interests are naturally casting an ever-sharper look towards the sea.

ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT HERE are the "mineral nodules," as they are known, taken from the sea depths. The subject of these nodules is exercising much thought and it is no coincidence that the UN has already declared the resources of the deep ocean floor "the common heritage of mankind."

The nodules are of manganese, which contains rich deposits of nickel, copper and cobalt. They are about the size of tennis balls and were identified by oceanographers about 100 years ago. They lie on the seabed, mostly in the Pacific but also to a lesser extent elsewhere at depths of some 20,000 feet, and were formed millions of years ago around small organic objects.

They can be brought to the surface by suction through pipes, or scraping the bottom by mechanical buckets. There is some marine mining in coastal waters but it is widely predicted that deep-sea mining will become a fact of life within the next 10 years.

Industrial firms have become interested in nodules mining and are supporting a bill on this subject before the U.S. Senate. One consortium has already been formed a giant industrial firm from the U.S., Canada, Japan and West Germany. It is not for nothing that the previous Law of the Sea Conference which ended inconclusively last May called for the industrialized countries to restrain, pending an agreement, their big business interests from deep-sea mining in international waters.

The present conference has before it a massive document containing all the views expressed on marine rights so far. It contains 497 articles and represents a united effort to put together as many common elements as possible. By virtually all provisions are expected to be revised. Which is why many talks will be needed to have agreement, at least in principle, for an international convention later this year on the Law of the Sea. This is to be signed in 1977 — although the process of ratification could take several years.

Central beats North in rugby festival

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

KFAR BLUM. — Central Israel edged out northern Israel 19-13 here on Saturday, in a rain-soaked rugby festival in which sabras made up the majority of players in the two fixtures that were held.

Earlier, a combined Tel Aviv-Kibbutz Yizre'el team defeated Ramat Hasharon 19-4, when the Israel Rugby Football Union (IRFU) held its first XV-a-side junior match for youngsters of under 18. The winners' tries were scored by wingers Holder and Lewis, both of Yizre'el, while flank Rabin crossed for the losers.

The scheduled all-kibbutz opening game, between Kfar Blum-Malkiya and Baram-Mevor Hama, was cancelled because of heavy morning rain.

Central Israel's Captain Glenn Wilson collected 11 of his side's points, with a try, a penalty and a conversion. In a scintillating contest, other try-scorers were his fellow-back Shapiro and flank Kaplan.

The northerners — who were led by Milton Kaplan — fought back finely after trailing 9-13 at the interval, and in the end came close to repeating their victory over Southern Israel earlier in the season.

Forwards Davis and Miner crossed for tries, one of them converted by centre Baranov, to add to scrum-half Hammar's earlier penalty.

S. Korea blanks Japan in soccer

TOKYO. — A swift, attacking South Korean team defeated Japan, 2-0, here yesterday in the first game of their double round-robin qualifying series for the Montreal Olympic games.

The Koreans led by 1-0 at half-time before a huge crowd of 58,000 Japanese and Korean residents in Japan.

Japan will meet Korea next Saturday for the return match in Seoul, where both countries then go on to play Israel to decide the final winner in the Asian Group Three Olympic qualifying series.

The game yesterday was a thriller from the start, with forward Lee Young Moo opening the scoring after only two minutes, putting a ball past goalie Tatsuhiko Sato after a corner kick on the left flank.

The Koreans, outshooting the Japanese 17 to 14, added their second goal in the 71st minute when half-back Park Sang In scored from the centre.

The Japanese also attacked, but were unable to penetrate the tight Korean defence.

Team picked for Seoul

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — National Soccer team coach David Schwartz on Saturday night announced the names of the 18 players leaving for Seoul on Wednesday for the Olympic Games qualifying matches against Japan and South Korea.

Both games will be played in the South Korean capital, as the Japanese Football Association declined to play host to the Israel team for security reasons. Israel meets Japan on March 21 and South Korea on April 4.

Schwartz named the following players for the trip:

Goalkeepers: Vlasov (Petah Tikva Hapoel) and Sorin (Bnei Yehuda Hapoel); Defenders: Lev (Tel Aviv Hapoel), Bar (Tel Aviv Hapoel), Bender (Be'er Sheva Hapoel), Nandi (Tel Aviv Hapoel), Salem (Be'er Sheva Hapoel), Hajaj (Oreva Hapoel); Midfielders: Shvach (Be'er Sheva Hapoel), Shvach (Be'er Sheva Hapoel), Shvach (Be'er Sheva Hapoel), Shvach (Be'er Sheva Hapoel), Shvach (Be'er Sheva Hapoel); Forwards: Dami (Oreva Hapoel), Givon (Tel Aviv Hapoel), Ben-Tovim (Be'er Sheva Hapoel), and Barad (Be'er Sheva Hapoel).

The surprise in Schwartz's selection was that not a single player from Jerusalem is included.

Japan and Israel vie for berth in Olympic handball

TAIPEI. — Japan's handball team will play Israel to decide which country represents Asia at the Montreal Olympic Games this July.

Japan won the right to meet Israel by beating South Korea, 20-1, in the final game of an Asia qualifying tournament here on Saturday night.

They finished top of the three nation group, beating both South Korea and Taiwan twice to finish with four wins from four matches. (Reuter)

Second IRA bomb plant in London

LONDON. — Scotland Yard announced yesterday that it had found a second Irish guerrilla bomb factory and obtained five men and a woman following five bomb incidents in London this month.

The discovery of a house at Lavender Hill in South London came on Friday, two days after the discovery of another bomb factory. Both raids were the result of investigations stemming from the capture last Monday of Adrian Donnelly, 24, who shot himself in the stomach after setting off a bomb in a subway train and shooting the train driver dead in an ensuing chase. (AP)

Sadat's war machine growing rusty

But he may be concealing large stocks of spares

CAIRO. — When Egyptian President Anwar Sadat said this week that his country's military equipment would soon be "nothing but scrap" for lack of spare parts, he was exaggerating. But he was nevertheless reflecting a growing problem confronting Egypt's armed forces, according to "Washington Post" correspondent Thomas Lippman.

Quoting "military sources," Lippman says the Soviet Union's cutoff of parts and maintenance service has strained Egypt's ability to keep its tanks and aircraft operating. It has also forced new cutbacks in the use of equipment for training purposes.

In addition, the sources say, it has become difficult for Egypt to act upon what military leaders here consider one of the most important lessons they learned in their 1973 war on Israel: that contemporary war consumes equipment so quickly that it is necessary to build big stocks of replacements before going to battle.

The Russians began closing off the military pipeline to Egypt almost two years ago, the Egyptian's say, and Sadat has committed himself to diversifying his sources of arms. But this might take some years.

There is some evidence, however, that Sadat and other officials have overestimated the difficulty Egypt faces in keeping this equipment operable, though the problems are apparently genuine.

Some foreign analysts believe that the huge military airlift with which Moscow resupplied Egypt during and after the 1973 war included stocks of replacement parts that have not yet been tapped. In addition, Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy told a committee of the People's Assembly the day after Sadat's speech that "we have arranged for the import of spare parts from other sources."

It is believed he was referring primarily to Yugoslavia, which has military equipment similar to Egypt's. General Mohammed el-Gamassi, the Minister of War, was in Yugoslavia recently and Sadat is scheduled to go there during his European tour at the end of this month.

The Egyptians expect Yugoslavia to operate more independently of Moscow than did India, which bowed to Moscow's instructions not to meet an Egyptian request for aircraft parts and maintenance service.

Sources here confirm reports from Washington that Egypt is asking Italy — another stop on Sadat's tour — to instal new guns that can fire standard NATO ammunition on several hundred of its 820 Soviet-built T-62 tanks.

The Egyptians are also reported to be discussing a plan to replace the engines on some of their estimated 500 combat aircraft with British engines. One foreign expert said this project is so difficult and expensive that the Egyptians could only be considering it if they were having serious problems with the planes as they are.

Several sources report that Egyptian pilots are now getting less than 10 hours a month flying time, half what they received two years ago, to avoid more wear on the planes.

Analysts who have toured Egyptian military installations recently report seeing many missile transporters, tank transporters and trucks out of action for lack of maintenance. Even truck tyres are said to be in short supply.

Gaskets, oil seals and valves wear out quickly in the sands of the Egyptian desert, and the equipment will deteriorate at an accelerating pace unless these parts are replaced.

Although Sadat has turned to the West in his search for new supplies, informed Egyptians expect to receive little from the U.S. beyond the six C-130 transport planes the Ford administration is already seeking to sell. Sadat is, therefore, concentrating on Western Europe, where in addition to Italy he is scheduled to visit France, from which Egypt has already ordered 44 Mirage jets, and West Germany.

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Sublimating the highway urge

"THESE MACHINES can develop speeds that top 185 miles per hour and of course, they have no brakes." Italics not mine.

The long, long night of waiting is over, and motorcycle racing has come to Israel. The quotation above is from a big fat publicity kit advertising the longed-for event and does not refer to Israeli cars. But certainly, we have been waiting for this day on our highways for many years now.

"The temperamental clutch will burn out if held longer than two minutes... These machines burn exotic nitro-methane fuel and the odour produced is one of the headiest man has ever made... it has all the excitement of a good whiff of gunpowder! Yes, yes! And we've been in training on that, too!"

The races, starting in Beersheba today, will give us the excitement so lacking in our drab daily lives, and will finally give some focus to our aimless youth. They are sponsored by the Israel Sabras basketball team. But why not? That's what people want! The thrills in Beersheba, and later in Petah Tikva, should give our bored, under-employed police something to do.

"It was in Munich in 1958 when Hitler was whipping people into a frenzy. You are exactly like that." — a motorcycle racing fan to announcer Larry Huffman.

HOW OFTEN have you taken a shower and found yourself standing up to your ankles in water, or waited a long time for a bathtub to empty? The cause in both cases is a blockage in the drain pipe. Most shower blockages, and to a lesser extent that of bathtubs, are caused by loose hair being washed away by the flow of water and caught up in the grille of the drainhole. There, fragments of soap and scum adhere, resulting in a thick goopy web which partially or completely blocks the drain. Drain blockages can also be caused by the gradual accumulation of old cement and sand left in the drain trap when the flat was built.

First try and remove the strands of hair from the cross piece of the drain hole with your fingers. Don't use a sharp pointed tool as you might perforate the lead drain pipe, resulting in a complaint from your neighbor below on the dampness of his ceiling.

The next stage is to open up the drain trap covers in the floor. These are the two brass discs embedded in the floor tiles in the bathroom.

By HILGA DUDMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Another quote from the publicity file, this time from an article by one Marshall Klein, staff writer for the "Los Angeles Times," who did a thrilling profile on Mr. Huffman, the Nehemia Ben-Avraham of motorcycle happenings. COME ON NOW, LET'S HEAR SOME NOISE, LET'S SHOW THESE RIDERS WE REALLY CARE...

For his cultural contributions Mr. Huffman earns IL365,000 a year, owns five homes, and drives a IL75,000 sports car.

"One way to slow down an opponent is to jam a boot into another bike's spokes..."

"Only inches apart, sometimes touching... three abreast..." Who would have thought they learned these spectacular techniques on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway?

"The winner gets to kiss the trophy girl." If Fellini ever wanted to really get down to what sex is all about, he'd merely film the kiss and crowd reaction at a Speedway race on a Friday night. (No, not Friday night; that would be against Jewish tradition. But Saturday night.) "Nothing in any erotic magazine

could match it. Children have had their eyes closed by mindful parents during a trophy presentation." — from "Cycle World Magazine" (Munich).

And what of the human element, the glamorous young athletes themselves? Well, there's Bruce "Finhole" Penhall, just 18, who has a "dimpled smile that causes young women to blush." Israeli drivers, take prideful note! The Diaspora is copying your techniques: "There is a lot of boy and wheel-to-wheel contact, and it is accepted strategy to 'take out' an opposing rider by forcing him so he runs into the crash wall..."

— from the Fact Sheet of the U.S. Speedway Motorcycle Championship.

So here, finally, is some Good News and not that terrible Negative News the local press is constantly accused of favoring. For this sport-loving country noted for its impeccable behaviour and "May the best driver crash" outlook, we're in the big time. Thanks are due to the Israeli Sabras basketball team. Many people thinking of emigrating because of the rotten Quality of Life characterised by the absence of this invigorating, thrill-packed sport, will now be able to think twice. If at all.

Action played for laughs

AT THE CINEMA

Africa Express (Tel Aviv) is an action picture which is played for laughs. Set in equatorial Africa it is a sort of spoof of adventure-cum-spy films and with Biba the chimpanzee providing most of the humour, it seems to be addressed to the pre-teenage generation.

The story has all sorts of ramifications but the chief figure is the owner-driver (handsome Giuliano Gemma) of a mobile general store, the "Africa Express" of the title. His main aim is to save enough money to operate a gas station in the U.S.A., but in the meantime he is always in trouble, a lot of it caused by Biba's antics and a lot of it caused by a nasty character played by Jack Palance. An added complication is the appearance on the scene of a beautiful young woman (Ursula Andress), disguised as a nun.

The best part of the film — at least for adults — is the tribal dances and the pictures of wild animal life — the elephants, hippos and wonderful birds with their beautiful sweeping movements.

It is a German-Italian production directed by Michele Lupu with English dialogue. S.W.

Jewish life in Poland

NEW YORK — "Image before my Eyes: A Photographic History of Jewish Life in Poland (1844-1939)," opened at the Jewish Museum here last week and continues until September 5. The exhibition of 400 rare photographs was organized by the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research.



Three blind Israelis have just completed rehabilitation training at the Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind's Training Centre in Long Island, New York. Each now has a trained dog and will be able to play an active part in community life. The Foundation is a non-profit organization existing on public support. The photo shows Esther Saraf of Jerusalem and her dog "Dixie."

RECORDS OF THE WEEK

New Aida

VERDI'S "Aida," still one of the most spectacular operas, appears in a new recording set, issued by EMI (reproduced by CBS, Israel). Riccardo Muti conducts the New Philharmonic Orchestra, with the Trumpeters of Kneller Hall and the Chorus of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, and an impressive array of singers: Montserrat Caballe (Aida), Placido Domingo (Radames), Fiorenza Cossotto (Amneris), Nicolai Ghiaurov (Ramses), Piero Cappuccelli (Amonasro), and Luigi Roni, Nicola Martinucci and Esther Casas in the minor, supporting roles. The set is accompanied by a booklet with a learned essay by Harold Rosenzweig on the history of the opera, a précis of its story, and the complete libretto in the original Italian and an English translation. On six sides, the drama of the opera pours out of the grooves in a quickly moving presentation. The voices are all well recorded (Caballe gets up to the highest notes though) she sometimes has intonation difficulties and is, perhaps, the weakest of the whole cast, and the orchestra is fine. As good a recording as any, but newer (SLS 977).

Top Mahler

MAHLER: "Kindertotenlieder," with Janet Baker, and Tenth Symphony, with Leonard Bernstein (Quadrant — Stereo, SQ 73486). An extraordinarily moving record. Janet Baker interprets the Lieder without pathos or exaggerated emotions, and Bernstein leads the Israel Philharmonic in a beautifully balanced and dedicated performance, with excellent tone quality giving full credit to the IPO's reputation.

The other side contains the Adagio, the only completed movement of Mahler's Tenth Symphony. Dismissing Deryck Cooke's performing version of the whole symphony after sketches left by the composer (recorded by Ormandy and the Philadelphia Orchestra, also on a CBS label — 72408/9), Bernstein gives an exciting and highly concentrated reading with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra of this dramatic and astonishing movement, rounding off his complete recording of all the Mahler symphonies with this top performance. (Y.B.)



The Platters at the Jerusalem Hilton.

(Charbit)

THE LONGPLAYING PLATTERS

ENTERTAINMENT
CATHERINE ROSENHEIMER

IN THE "here today, gone tomorrow" world of pop groups 25 years is an unusually long lifespan. The Platters, currently here on a three-week tour, have managed to survive since 1953: albeit not exactly intact — over the years the members of the group have changed several times, but musical director and composer Buck Ram has remained a constant element, and so too has the group's rhythm'n blues type music. We caught up with lead tenor Monroe Powell in his Tel Aviv hotel one morning. He was a little weary, since the group had just back from an appearance at Ayelet Hashachar at three that morning, but very satisfied with the response of an Israeli kibbutz audience. Quite a far cry from the clubs of Las Vegas, Reno and Miami Beach, which are the Platters' regular circuits when they are not on tour abroad. Monroe's main complaint was that "Well, man, we've really had rather too much in the way of feeding since we've been here." A frequently-heard complaint on the part of visitors to Israel, it must be noted. Monroe attributes the group's present popularity to the contemporary wave of "fifties nostalgia" — be it in fashion or pop music. Lately they

The royal jet-setter

By MICHAEL WEST

LONDON. — Princess Margaret, who is separating from her husband after 15 years of marriage, is a jet-setter hamstrung by royal protocol. For all her 45 years the determined, headstrong sister of Queen Elizabeth II and fifth in line to the 1,100-year-old British throne has been hampered by the do's and don'ts of royal responsibilities. Her greatest sacrifice was 21 years ago when she publicly renounced the man she loved, Group Captain Peter Townsend, a Battle of Britain hero who now lives, married, in France. It was an obvious love match, but forbidden to the slim, petite, aristocratic princess because the handsome courtier had been divorced.

So, as she said, "mindful of the Church's teaching that Christian marriage is indissoluble and con-

scious of my duty to the Commonwealth," she did as she was bidden by the Church of England, of which her sister is secular head, and gave Townsend up. Afterwards, the moods of the swinging princess became volatile. One minute with a cocktail glass in her hand at an intimate Mayfair party, friends reported, she was "Maggie." The next, she would freeze into crisp formality and de-

claring more on club and cabaret appearances. In the past couple of years, producer Buck Ram has taken a new line with the Platters, introducing new songs as well as the "safe" old hits. Their repertoire today is a mixed one, and Monroe Powell has great hopes that their new number "Guilty" is going to become a hit in a really big way. The Platters — there are six of them altogether: Monroe Powell, Harold Howard (who is shortly leaving the group), Gene Williams, Al Davis, Mike Davies and "the dish" — Lolita Fonzar — are all American-born, but have no permanent home. "What's the point of buying yourself a place when you never have time to be there? Yes, we do get a bit tired of living from one hotel room to another, out of a suitcase, constantly on the move. But that's show business. As to our 'sound' — I'd call it a mixture of the old sound, rock and country, and western — well, it doesn't make too much difference where you appear in the world. Just so long as you know you're 'going over,' it's much the same anywhere." So says Platters' lead singer and spokesman, Monroe Powell.

HOW BABY HANA WAS RESCUED

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"SHE WAS A YEAR and five months old when I first saw her, and she was considered 'abnormal, highly nervous, probably retarded.'" So begins Mrs. Cohen's story of Hana, a baby at the children's home where Mrs. Cohen (not her real name) came to work as a volunteer six years ago. Hana was totally apathetic to her surroundings, cried continually, and disliked being touched. Mrs. Cohen — who was herself childless — was asked to work with the baby because she needed special help and attention. Today she is a happy, normal second-grader and the adopted daughter of the Cohens. Mrs. Cohen was prompted to tell her story by the recent Jerusalem Post article "Who Will Take Care of Ruthie," which dealt with foster care for handicapped children.

AT FIRST I thought the baby was deaf, or autistic. She did not react to any sights or sounds, and at the start was indifferent to the toys I brought for her. If she made any sound or showed any emotion, it was in the form of crying. Actually, I rarely heard a child in the institution laugh, only cry. They got no personalized attention there and took refuge in apathy. When one wild two-and-a-half-year-old refused to have the spirit drained out of her, they labeled her abnormal, too.

Anyway, going back to Hana, she gradually began to draw closer to me. Finally one day she let me take her in my arms. Sometimes she played with the toys I brought her

while sitting on my lap. By then, I knew she could hear. I had bought her a pyramid with a bell inside and she reacted to the bell. She was soon able to put, graduated cups inside each other in almost the right order. The improvement was amazing — and, remember, this personal attention was available to her only a few hours a week.

About two months after I started working with Hana, I became ill and was away for a few weeks. When I came back, she "punished" me by flinging herself on the floor in a temper tantrum. Those tantrums frightened me at first, until I found a way to handle them. I would grasp her legs firmly and move them up and down. This seemed to amuse her and the tears would soon turn to laughter.

IT WAS six months after meeting Hana that my husband and I took her as a foster child. She had been in hospital for about a month for some tests and was much happier there than in the Home because the nurses in the hospital gave her more attention. On her return to the Home she began crying as soon as we pulled into the driveway she started to cry, and I knew that if this child were left there, her development would suffer. Actually, I had become so upset by the situation there that my

husband didn't want me to continue my volunteer work. I knew we had to take her. My husband had come with me to visit her several times, and agreed that we should take her into our home.

At that time, we were told she could not be adopted because the family had not given their consent. We didn't want any money for foster care, but they nevertheless paid us IL10 a month. One social worker told us the payment was made to enable the agency to supervise us. There are undoubtedly families with a social conscience who would take in children even without money, but of course the money does help.

A year and a half after we brought her home, we were told we could adopt her. It took another two years or so for the legal procedures to be completed, but we viewed her as our child from the beginning. Of course, I felt sorry for the mother and still do. I once told a social worker that I feel as if I am depriving a mother of her child. "Do you want to be noble?" he asked me. "You are the only mother she has ever known."

HANA KNOWS she came from the Home, but she has never asked about her mother. She did ask once if she had been "in my tummy" and I said no. Then a friend had a baby, and Hana wanted to know if the baby was in that woman's "tummy."

When she does ask about her mother, she will get an answer. I'll tell her that I'm sure her mother would have liked to take care of her, but could not. I think you have to be truthful with children. Once she had to take a blood test and I told her she would feel the prick of the needle. The nurse told her it wouldn't hurt. Hana asked me later how the nurse could say it wouldn't hurt when it does hurt. You don't accomplish anything by such lies.

Recently, she began speaking about the Home as a good deal, and I decided it was time to take her there. We didn't go upstairs; I just pointed and said that she used to sleep up there. Then she wanted to play with the children. I asked her whether children from the outside were allowed to come in to play when she was in kindergarten. She said no. That finished that.

I used to tell her a story about a mother and father who went into a room full of children and saw a little girl crying in the corner. She was crying because she had no mother and father. This mother and father didn't have children, so they decided to take her home. She asked to hear that story over and over again; but once, when I told it in front of other people, she made me stop.

IT IS HARD to tell you everything. My husband and I have gotten a great deal of joy from Hana, out of watching the frightened little baby become a normal, happy child. She is no longer frightened. She is secure because she knows we love her. Once when she was naughty and I was angry, she asked me why we took her. I answered that we took her because we love her. That took all the wind out of her sails.

I think back on how frightened she was in the Home. She was scared of dogs, cats, strangers, buses. On her first bus trip, made necessary because there was no other transportation available to take her for a check-up, she was petrified. On a previous occasion, the only transportation available had been the back of a tender full of empty crates and that, of course, frightened her even more. Today, as I said, she doesn't scare easily.

I don't want a pat on the back. If I am telling you my story, it is only in the hope that it may help someone else. I told Hana about Ruthie, the little girl in your article on handicapped foster children. Her reaction was, "let's take her."

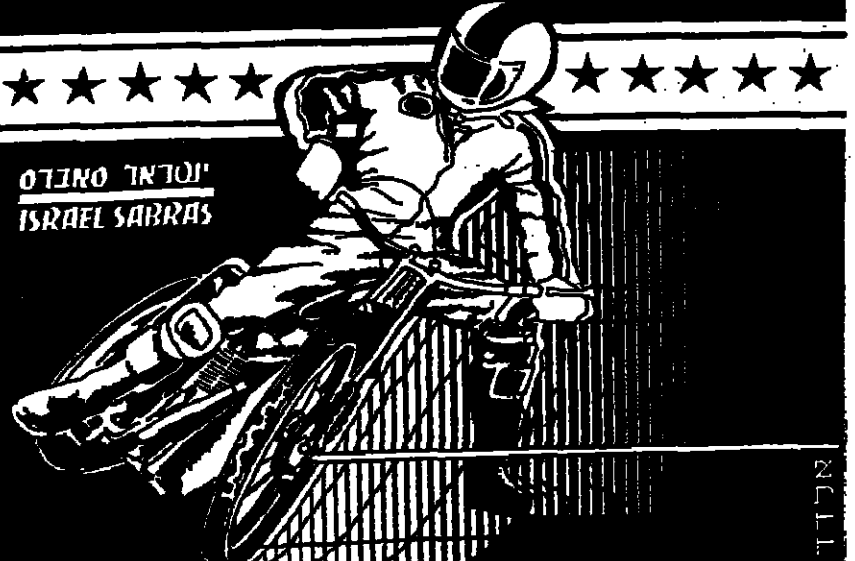
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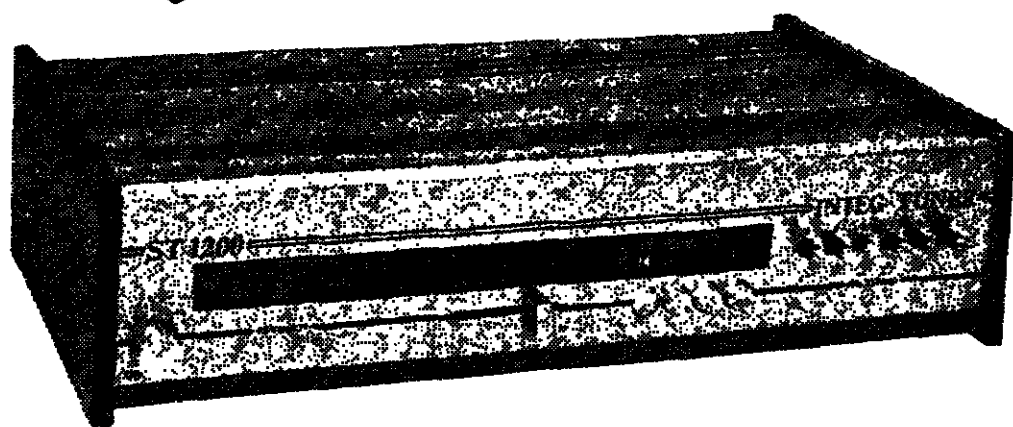
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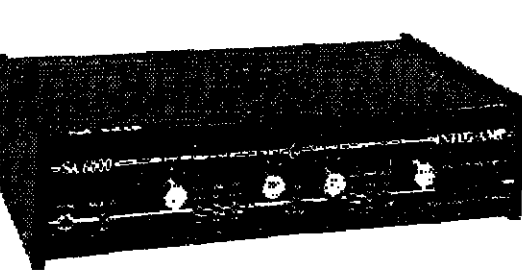
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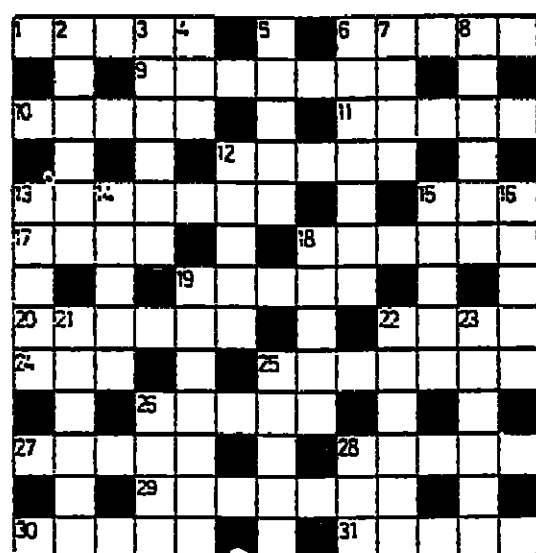
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CRYPTIC PUZZLE

- 1 Money for the band? (5)
2 Sink! (1,4)
3 Earthquake for shooting (7)
4 Not able to make fun of it (5)
5 Reach or receive a piece of meat (3,2)
6 While the remains (5)
7 Have such as been blown up? (7)
8 Appreciate a shy remark? (3)
9 For whom there's an opening in optics (4)
10 Where education goes swimmingly (6)
11 It's many a fish in the sea (year) (5)
12 Inspector on leave? (6)
13 Out a new mantle (4)
14 It's spent in feasting, entertainment, etc. (3)
15 Can be worn right in the middle of aprons, perhaps (7)
16 Story super to the French? (5)
17 The arrangement placed on a home's back? (3,2)
18 A radio speaker's farewell (5)
19 Usually read, e.g., in the form of a book (7)
20 About to get into bed and multiply (5)
21 Scarlet down (6)
22 Accidents with lighters (6)
23 A heavy drinker, so thick-headed (5)
24 Ben, yet remained still? (5)
25 Which to call for immediate action? (7)
26 They're in cricket and rugby, especially (4)
27 Slow American soldier in love with a girl (6)



EASY PUZZLE

- 1 Royal head-dress (5)
2 Joint (5)
3 Meatball (7)
4 Month (5)
5 Dance (5)
6 Cut off (5)
7 Try (7)
8 "Stop" signal (5)
9 Drink (4)
10 Give up work (6)
11 Soft (5)
12 Senior nurse (6)
13 Recaves (4)
14 Before (3)
15 Playhouse (7)
16 Cram (5)
17 Nose (5)
18 Keyboard instrument (5)
19 Beginning (7)
20 Studies (5)
21 Buried (5)
22 Puce (5)
23 Aged (5)
24 Leg (5)
25 Sadist (5)
26 Oppress (5)
27 Create (5)
28 Leg (5)
29 Dance (5)
30 Brood (5)
31 Hut (5)
32 Tonic (5)
33 Beneath (5)
34 Clothes (5)
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- Friday's Cryptic solution
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The money in old papers

By YEITZAK ORLO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AVIV.—While Israel as a whole is far too little to recycle used paper, at least one village covers entire hill for garbage collecting half the cost of street lighting this way.

Ya'acov Gilan, head of the Binyana local council, told *The Post* that the money making future. In another interview, Ariel, manager of Ammir, a firm that collects paper for recycling, noted that only 19 per cent of the used paper in this country is recycled.

In comparison, Holland recycles 90 per cent, Japan 40 per cent, many 30 per cent and the U.S. 25 per cent. Aspit, points out that, with hardly any wood pulp sources, should be doing better.

Amir, a subsidiary of the American Paper Mills in Hadera, leads the paper through the hands of the Soldiers Welfare Association. Aspit said his company, largest in its field in the country, is still losing money because it is investing in equipment, especially the special containers set out on the streets to collect paper.

Others, however, make a good deal out of old paper. These are waste small collectors who usually buy newspapers at about 45 agorot and sell them for 85 agorot, only to small grocers for wrapping paper.

Mr. Aspit said his company might in the Soldiers Welfare Association in order to give the city a greater impetus to collect paper. Amir pays IL200 a ton all the paper collected throughout the country, except for Tel Aviv.

The paper from the latter two is bought by another big collector, Mal. This firm, which is owned by Tuvia and the City Marketing Board, uses the paper to make egg cartons. It pays 80 a ton.

After Amir buys the paper, it is sent to a central collection point where it is sorted. Some of the paper is sent to the foreign market — as waste and the rest is sold as it is removed. The paper is then pressed for about IL150 a ton and taken to Hadera — for the IL35.

The total cost of collecting paper is from IL45 to IL700. Imported used paper also costs about 30, but that, of course, is in



Workers at the Mal plant in Netanya stand by as egg crates, made from waste paper, come off the assembly belt.

foreign currency.

Aspit said the price of used paper collected in this country would be lower if the local authorities allowed more time to be placed in the streets. But the cities object on aesthetic grounds. He also felt the municipalities should help in the collection.

Aluf (res.) Ya'acov Peri, chairman of the Soldiers Welfare Association in Jerusalem agreed to the call for more collection bins. He said that if more containers were set out, the public would contribute more.

However, Peri expressed a fear that individuals sometimes stole the used paper in order to sell it.

While he was in favour of public campaigns to encourage collection of paper, he noted that one such effort backfired. After the Education Ministry initiated a competition between school classes, many of the

pupils began taking paper from the collection bins in order to help their class alone.

Peri noted that by putting paper in the bins, people felt they were contributing to soldiers. He was sceptical if the same results could be achieved if the cities took over. If they did so, he said, the municipalities should continue to donate part of the proceeds towards his organization. Recently Tel Aviv and Hishon Lezion have been studying such steps.

Whoever collects the paper, Amir says it can get all it can use. It is campaigning to buy waste paper directly from large industries and all the country's newspapers (including *The Post*) already have such contracts.

Aspit says he is looking forward to the day when Israel can export used paper instead of importing it.

Tight European money hurts Israel investment

By GIDION ESHET
Jerusalem Post Reporter

LONDON.—In the past, Israeli economic planners pinned high hopes on investment from Europe, but the latest word is that the sorry state of their own national economies is causing European investors to keep their funds close to home.

The investments are needed in Israel to reorientate industry from local production to exports; and to enable small plants so they can produce for European needs. According to its agreement with the European Common Market (EEC), Israel has 12 years to adjust to a virtual free trade. But without investment, such an adjustment will be difficult.

The message from Europe is that no such large scale investment is forthcoming. A German industrialist gave the following reasons:

- With severe unemployment in Europe, local trade unions oppose investments in foreign countries. The unions have a say in Germany because of worker participation in management. And industrialists have no intention of quarrelling with the unions over this issue, adding obstacles in wage negotiations. For similar reasons the governments also prefer domestic investments. The low interest rates in the EEC markets is a reflection of this policy.

- Although interest rates are low, most European governments are still strict on monetary expansion. This, together with low profits for the last three years, leaves few resources for investment. The revival of the last few months has yet not resulted in new investments but only the increase of stocks which declined during the EEC period.
- The Arab boycott is never of actually mentioned and the EEC has introduced anti-discrimination clauses in its agreements with the North African countries. However, the small market in Israel is not sufficiently attractive to challenge the opportunities in the Arab countries and especially in the oil producing ones.
- Although on the whole Israeli conditions are favourable for foreign investment, some difficulties still exist. The most outstanding one is the creeping devaluation. Foreign investors are bound to lose by the constant decline in the value of their investment.

The necessary resources needed to reach the export target will therefore have to come from local sources in Israel. Foreign involvement in our economy cannot be expected to change significantly, at least as far as Europe is concerned.

(This is the second in a series.)

The volatile exchange rates highlight German mark

By J. VORI
Special to The Jerusalem Post

THE DRAMATIC slide of the pound sterling has focused attention on the volatility of today's exchange rates, and especially the German mark.

The mark has remained, after the Swiss franc, the strongest currency available. With Germany's export performance, small wonder voices are again calling for a balancing of European trade by making the mark more expensive.

The financial managers at the Deutsche Bank are dead set against this policy. Nevertheless the recent report of this institution contains figures, tucked away in seldom read tables, clearly demonstrating gains by German exporters. Average export prices for 1975 were compared with 1972 for seven selected countries. The overall change in export prices, taking into account the changes in the exchange rate, left Germany's exports with the least price rise, an increase of about 15 per cent a year or 49 per cent for the three year period.

The principal competitor, the U.S., showed an increase of 64 per cent. Price increases in most European countries moved between those limits. Only the British export prices after the recent severe drop of sterling, rose about as much as those of Germany.

The increased value of the German mark has evidently not impaired the competitiveness of German industry. On the contrary,

thanks to more limited price increases at home than abroad, German exporters have been expanding their sales.

The question is whether the recent weakness of sterling has been sufficient to correct the inflationary imbalance between Great Britain and Germany. Probably, but the imbalance between the French franc and the mark remains.

In Switzerland a rise in the German mark would certainly be welcomed. As a haven for capital (including Arab oil money) Switzerland has had an overvaluation of the franc, which damaged Swiss exports and tourism. On the face of the available figures a modest revaluation of the German mark, say an increase of five per cent, would go far to reduce the imbalance in the rates of European currencies. But it is doubtful the authorities will move in that direction, especially after the recent French decision to let the franc join the free float. This, tantamount to a devaluation of French currency, reduces the overvaluation of the German mark.

The much hailed "snake" of European currencies, the so-called symbol of European economic integration, is reduced to a much more modest monetary instrument by the recent French action. It now represents the rate of the German mark itself, with some closely connected currencies, such as the Dutch guilder and the Belgian franc, against the U.S. dollar.

Air France announces Concorde run to U.S.

By YEFEV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent

AVIV.—Air France will inaugurate supersonic North Atlantic flights on May 24, a company spokesman announced here recently.

Hopes for landing rights at New York have however come to naught — both the French airline and British Airways will have to be satisfied with Washington — the airport in the U.S. which has far agreed to land the supersonic aircraft.

The Paris to Washington trip

will take some three and a half hours instead of the normal six. However, Washington will only be a second best. Both airlines had counted heavily on the more lucrative traffic out of New York.

North America's principal carriers are believed to have had a say behind the scenes in vetoing the supersonic's New York landing. Both TWA and Pan Am are heavily in the red. The Concorde will, it is believed, skim some more of the cream (first class passengers) from the transatlantic lines.

In another development TWA

chairman Charles Tillghast said recently continued expansion of charter flights would affect scheduled flights, and make them "fewer and a great deal more expensive."

Joining the list of aviation people who are critical of the charter flights, Tillghast, speaking at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon in Dublin earlier this month, declared that there was an urgent need to establish some common understanding between nations as to the number of charters that will be permitted as well as the prices to be charged.

AVIV STOCK MARKET: Slight decline recorded

AVIV.—The stock market yesterday saw a slight decline as investors consolidated their earnings after last week's increases.

Ten-year linked bonds continued to be offered. The Bank of Israel absorbed the total offering which yesterday came to IL3.25m. There was no change in the price of 1.55 per cent, based on the last published Cost-of-Living Index. There was a decline of five points in Abipion Loans and Defence Bonds, it down an average of two points.

Traffic bonds, however, stopped their downward trend and rose by 2 1/2 points. The total bonds never was IL19.2m.

In the stock arena, Neot Avivim announced a 15 per cent cash dividend for 1975. Transactions were

stopped in variables of this stock, which opened at 152 points.

The decline continued among the variables of most stocks. Among them were Tefahot, Delek, Ala, Elco, Wolfson, Mizrahi Investments and Leumi Investments.

The total stock turnover was IL2.5m. Of this IL2.09,700 was in variables.

The general index fell by 0.28 per cent to stand at 126.581 points.

In the Nafat dollar, \$705,000 was offered, lowering the rate by six agorot, to IL2.85. Turnover was \$124,000. Dollar-linked bonds rose however.

Hollis 23, issued a few weeks ago, especially to holders of Hollis 8-17, will appear on the market today. Financial circles believe that the price of the series will be 108 to 110 per cent.

Panama Canal strike ends

RALEIGH.—Panama Canal employees agreed Saturday afternoon to a work stoppage after the Canal Zone's American governor agreed to modify wage freezes and work toward some form of collective bargaining.

Governor Harold R. Parfitt said pilots and tugboat operators who had been calling in sick would return to work immediately to begin moving a backlog of more than 175 ships through the 80-km canal.

The illegal job action began on Monday and all but paralyzed the canal, reducing traffic from an average of 30-35 ships a day to no more than five or six. (AP)

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**IN THE SUPREME COURT
SITTING AS HIGH COURT
OF JUSTICE**
Before Justices Witkon and
Stam and Judge Beisky.
Simha Nir, Petitioner, v. I. Supreme Court Administration. 2.
Justice Kahn, Respondents (H.C. 580/75)

**LAW
REPORT**
The Jerusalem Post
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No appeal against Justice's refusal to disqualify himself

The High Court of Justice dismissed a petition for an order calling upon the Courts Administration to show cause why it should not accept an appeal against a decision by Justice Kahn.

own behalf and Mrs. Naor, Assistant State Attorney, appeared for the respondents.

DECISION

The petitioner, Simha Nir, was charged in the Magistrate's Court with defaming, and using invective against, all the judges of Israel, contrary to section 131 of the Criminal Code Ordinance. Before commencement of the hearing he asked Judge Hasson, before whom the trial was scheduled to take place, to disqualify himself on the grounds that he was personally involved. When Judge Hasson refused to disqualify himself, the petitioner appealed against this refusal on the strength of section 132B of the Criminal Procedure Law, 1965, which provides that an appeal may be lodged with the Supreme Court against a judge's decision not to disqualify himself.

Justice Witkon, who delivered the decision of the High Court of Justice, allowed the respondents' representative's preliminary argument that the petitioner was barred from petitioning the High Court as he had an alternative remedy: he could appeal against the administration's refusal to accept his appeal to the Registrar of the Supreme Court and against the latter's decision to the President of the Supreme Court. This the petitioner had in fact done, he continued, and in so doing he had exhausted all the proceedings open to him under the law, since the High Court is not entitled to deal with any matter which comes under the jurisdiction of any other court or tribunal, and nor is it entitled to give order to a court of law (the decisions of the Registrar and the President of the Supreme Court being judicial decisions of a court of law). The petition should, therefore, be dismissed.

The President of the Supreme Court appointed Justice Kahn to hear the appeal, as he was entitled to do under section 131B. But before Justice Kahn started hearing the appeal, the petitioner asked that he, too, disqualify himself on the same grounds: that is that he was also one of the judges who had ostensibly been maligned and was, therefore, personally involved. Justice Kahn refused to disqualify himself, and went on to dismiss the appeal.

However, added Justice Witkon, if it were of any consolation to the petitioner, he could assure him that even if the Supreme Court had been entitled to consider his objections to Justice Kahn's decision, either in its capacity as a High Court of Justice or as a Court of Appeals, it would have dismissed them unhesitatingly.

The petitioner thereupon attempted to appeal against Justice Kahn's refusal, on the basis of section 189A of the Criminal Procedure Law, which provides that before hearings in an appeal have been commenced, a party may ask one of the judges scheduled to hear the appeal to disqualify himself, and that section 132B would then be applicable, *mutatis mutandis*, to such an application.

For the petitioner was challenging the qualifications of all the judges of Israel, and not only those of Justice Kahn, and it was superfluous to point out that no-one could disqualify a judge on such grounds. Not only, concluded Justice Witkon, would the petitioner be able to earn immunity from judicial proceedings in Israel for himself, if his argument were allowed, but his argument was dishonest and flippant, on the face of it, as he had not sought to disqualify any of the judges before whom his petition was heard, even though the same arguments could be used against them as had been used against Justice Kahn.

The Court Administration refused to accept the petitioner's appeal, and the President of the Supreme Court, to whom the petitioner appealed, upheld their decision, holding that section 189A does not apply to an appeal under section 132B of the Criminal Code Law (that is, to an appeal against the results of an appeal to disqualify a judge).

Decision given on February 13, 1976.

The petitioner thereupon petitioned the High Court of Justice, arguing that as he was not allowed to appeal against Justice Kahn's refusal to disqualify himself, he had no other remedy but to petition the High Court.

ARKIA is studying the possibility of utilizing the new charter rules to increase its own flights to Eilat, according to managing Director Lev Bigon. Mr. Bigon recently discounted rumours that he intends to resign from his post in the internal airline.

The petitioner appeared on his

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The peace of Jerusalem

THE DEBATE — mainly on Jerusalem — due to open in the Security Council today has been arranged by the Moslem bloc, but at the instigation of the PLO. The purpose of the debate, needless to say, is not to obtain assurances of due protection for Moslem holy places in the holy city. The purpose is rather to establish the principle that an Arab Jerusalem, under Moslem rule, is the only possible Jerusalem.

It is entirely fitting that the agents of the PLO, that champion of a "secular and democratic Palestine," should in this instance be such out-and-out autocratic theocracies as Pakistan and Libya. Pakistan's active interest in the welfare of Jerusalem, of course, dates back to July, 1967, when it helped push through the General Assembly the first in a series of resolutions labelling "illegal" the measures taken by Israel to reunify Jerusalem after the Six Day War.

Pakistan's argument against the changes wrought in the "status of Jerusalem" was not simply the supposed illegality of Israel's occupation of the formerly Jordan-occupied part of Jerusalem; much more significantly, it was the alleged illegitimacy of any but Moslem rule in the holy city.

In the face of mounting evidence about the quality of Jordan's religious stewardship in Eastern Jerusalem, Pakistan could still insist that only a Moslem power was to be trusted as a custodian of holy places. With the sole exception of Israel, the world community failed to protest against this blasphemous doctrine, and while Pakistan's reasoning was not necessarily endorsed, its conclusions were overwhelmingly approved.

Pakistan's close ally in the current fight is Libya, whose membership in the Security Council has done nothing to dampen its zealous Moslem militancy nor its support of the most murderous of the Palestinian terror gangs. At the Islamic-Christian dialogue held in Tripoli last month, Libya asked the Vatican "to affirm the Arab character of the city of Jerusalem, and reject plans to Judaize and internationalize it;" and "to denounce all attacks on the sacred character of the holy places." The bid will now be renewed at the United Nations.

Israel's able ambassador will doubtless remind the Security Council during the debate that it was in fact Jordan which altered the "status of Jerusalem" by expelling its Jewish population, destroying its old synagogues, and denying Jews access to their holy places within it; and that Israel's actions have been designed to restore Jerusalem to its rightful condition as the city of all three great Monotheistic religions, open on a footing of complete equality to all believers.

But the conclusion of that faraway debate is virtually foregone. The U.S. will presumably veto any text which seeks to impose sanctions on Israel, but it is unlikely to block a resolution based, however remotely, on old and approved language calling on Israel to rescind its "measures" in Jerusalem.

The debate that really matters, however, is still raging within Jerusalem itself. To be sure, hostilities which only seek excuses in fraudulent tales of desecration will not be moderated by proof of honourable Israel intent. But honest Moslem feelings may be assuaged by forthright show of Israel determination to prevent any infringement, however painful to some Jews, of Moslem religious prerogatives. The High Court's action yesterday in upholding the authorities' right to prevent breaches of the established order on the Temple Mount is certainly most welcome.

Beyond the immediate imperative of maintaining the peace of this city, there is the necessity of proving to its Arab residents that a united Jerusalem, under Israel sovereignty, is at least possible; and in the long run, perhaps, preferable to any other.

In the next national election, the Likud is certain to increase its vote sufficiently to form a National Unity Government, says Liberal Party leader Simha Erlich.

Easy-going pragmatists

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Simha Erlich

SIMHA ERlich, the chairman of the executive of the Liberal Party, expects neither early elections nor the formation of a National Unity Government this year. But he looks forward with confidence to the National Unity Government which the Likud will set up when its greatly augmented contingent (there are 39 of them now) take their seats in the next Knesset. Labour, if not the entire Alignment, he believes, will join in, even if Begin heads that Government.

Daydreaming? Not at all, says Erlich. "We almost made it in the last elections. Only Geneva (the Middle East Peace Conference) saved Labour from disaster. Sapir himself admitted that the hope for peace gave Labour eight extra seats."

The Liberals alone now have 13 members in the Knesset. Except for Dr. Elimelech Rimalt, the ex-chairman, who has been elected to every Knesset since the second, and S.Z. Abramov who joined at the fourth, the Liberal members are fairly new faces. "I myself entered the sixth," Erlich notes, somewhat apologetically. Together with Herzl, he believes, they make up a solid bloc — Gahal, now 10 years old — which is the core of the Likud. No, he says, it is not exact to say Herut leads on political matters and the Liberals on economic issues. "We have our own men who specialize in international relations, and we do not hesitate to take a firm stand. Take Abramov, for instance. And Dr. Rimalt himself." But there is an obligatory streamlining of opinion among the Liberals. "We are like that."

Actually, it is hard to tell whether what is happening is that the Liberals pull Herut up with their easy-going pragmatism; or that Herut gives the Liberals more than their due in public opinion so as to gain political respectability.

AS MIGHT be expected, Erlich staunchly defends the traditions of his organization. Yet he is no formalist. At the last national conven-

tion he caused a stir among opponents when he recommended — indeed pushed through — an increase in the membership of the executive, so that more political ambitions could be satisfied. The Liberal Workers, whose position weakened in the elections, caused some trouble. After several sessions with the executives, the Workers calmed down. They never said who placed them but one can guess.

Chairman Erlich is a mild-looking, and despite his grey hair, a relatively young party leader. He devotes his free time to reading about optics (his profession) and history. His formula for success reads: Go Slow. It took him nearly forty years to build up a business, and to climb up the political ladder.

"Some people expect wonders," he

IS THE ORGANISATION of African Unity (OAU) beginning to break up? If it does lose authority, what will keep Africa from turning into a latter-day Balkan cockpit, torn by territorial claims and irreconcilable nationalisms?

The answer to the first question is "quite possibly," and to the second, "nothing."

In January the OAU split right down the middle, amidst bitter recriminations, over the question of recognizing the Popular Movement (MPLA) government in Angola. At one point the radical, pro-Luanda members were talking of walking out and forming their own organization. The sudden end of the Angolan civil war has now closed this particular issue, but its echoes are still reverberating.

Then last month the chairman of the OAU (who this year just happens to be Field Marshal Idi Amin of Uganda) claimed that large areas of neighbouring Sudan and Kenya were really part of Uganda. They had been alienated by arbitrary British boundary changes in the colonial period, he said, and although it would not consider military action at this time he was writing to the Queen in Britain to demand an explanation.

Now there is another recognition dispute. On February 27 the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic was declared, with Algerian support, at a point a few miles inside the Western Sahara territory from which Spain has just withdrawn. But Spain, under military pressure, has handed over the Sahara to neighbouring Morocco and Mauritania, whose armies have already virtually completed the occupation, partition and annexation of the territory.

Several African countries have already recognised the new Saharan republic, and the majority of OAU members appear ready to do the same. If they do, however, Morocco and Mauritania have announced that they will walk out of the organization.

FROM THE very beginnings of independent Africa, the rule has been: do not tamper with the old colonial borders. No matter how crazy they are geographically or economically,

AFRICA: THE CRACKS APPEAR

What is underway in Africa is not a spectacular collapse of the OAU rule, but a very rapid erosion. Each precedent, each border claim entered or achieved, makes the next a little easier.

By GWYNNE DYER

they stay. Never mind if they include all or parts of half a dozen tribes, nations, linguistic and cultural groups — call them whatever you like — the borders cannot change. To allow the possibility of change would open a Pandora's box, for almost every independent African country is an ethnic stew.

The African continent has survived three major challenges to this principle. There was the attempted secession of Katanga from the Congo (now Zaire) in the early 1960s, the Biafran independence struggle against Nigeria a decade later, and the separatist war fought by the Nilotics Christians and pagans of the southern Sudan against the Arabic-speaking Muslims of the north, which lasted for most of the past 20 years. But these were all breakaway movements which never got recognition from any established state; territorial claims are rather different.

The longest-standing territorial claim in Africa is by Somalia, a country almost unique in the continent south of the Sahara in having one language, one culture, and one nation within its borders. Unfortunately, that same Somali nation

also inhabits about one-fifth of Kenya, one-fifth of Ethiopia, and most of the French Territory of the Afars and Issas (French Somaliland). Somalia wants them back.

The Britains, further up the Red Sea coast, are slowly winning a war of secession against Ethiopia. That might just barely slide by under OAU rules, because Eritrea is on the fringe of the Arab world, where different rules apply. But an Eritrean secession would cause an Ethiopian collapse, and irresistibly invite the powerful Somali armed forces to reclaim the "lost territories."

Now it appears that the Somali-Ethiopian clash may come even sooner, for the Ethiopians and the French are conspiring at conferring a phony independence on the Afars and Issas colony that will freeze the Somalis out. Somalia is not likely to stand for that.

If the present Moroccan and Mauritania annexation of Western Sahara succeeds, the OAU rule will have been breached in principle. Further breaches in the West may not take long to follow.

WEAK, UNDERPOPULATED Mauritania, now Morocco's ally in the Saharan adventure, could soon have cause to regret the acquisition of a common border with the imperial neighbour, which was claiming all of Mauritania only 30 years ago. Behind that lies the powerful expansionist strain in Moroccan politics, which pursues a Greater Morocco incorporating not only Mauritania but also southwestern Algeria and most of Mali.

Now Uganda's Idi Amin has joined in, claiming about a third of Kenya — extending to within 30 km. of Nairobi — and a sizable chunk of southern Sudan. Kenya now stands with more than half of its territory claimed by Uganda and Somalia, both of which have Soviet-equipped armies far larger than its own.

Independent Africa has had a useful interval without serious international conflicts, but the disruptive and often bloody process of sorting out the borders seems bound to start soon.

READERS' LETTERS

END OF BELLIGERENCY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — On February 28, you published former Attorney-General Meir Shamgar's opinion that "countries are either at war or at peace: there is no in-between state — this is the view of most international jurists today. Thus the termination of state of war (end-of-belligerency) in effect means in a state of peace."

If this, indeed, truly reflects Shamgar's position and is adopted by the Government, unfortunate consequences may result. The Arab countries have continually claimed that they and Israel are in a state of war. It is on this basis that they justify their economic boycott, the denial of the right of Israeli ships to use the Suez Canal, the oil embargo and, in the past, the blockade of the Straits of Tiran. Israel, on the other hand, has always maintained that under international law, no such "state" exists, or if it does, then it does not apply to the Arab-Israeli conflict as a result of the 1949 Armistice Agreements.

Now it appears that Israel has suddenly abandoned this position. If

she requires the Arabs to sign an "end-of-belligerency" agreement and accepts Shamgar's opinion that only a state of war or peace can exist, then it follows that she openly agrees that there is a state of war in existence and may, therefore, be said to implicitly condone the Arab economic measures (which are justified under international law during a state of war).

A more satisfactory position would be to accept the existence in international law of an in-between situation *status micans*, which not only recognizes the reality of the present non-war/non-peace situation, but denies the "belligerent" the right to blockade navigation and quite possibly also the right to resort to economic warfare.

There is a significant body of juristic opinion that recognizes this in-between status (Stoer, Schwarzenberger, Jessup, Starke, Moser, Skubishevski, for example), although they disagree on its consequences.

Kibbutz Tifet.

MICHAEL KENT

FAMILY MEDICINE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — As a doctor who is a specialist in family medicine, I was interested to read your report of March 5 on the speech given by Professor David Erlich, Dean of the Technion Medical School, to the Public Relations Association.

In this report, Professor Erlich is quoted as saying, "Family doctors are certainly desirable, but unless they also specialize..." This is a strange statement in view of the fact that family medicine has been recognized for many years by the Israeli Ministry of Health as a specialty in its own right requiring a training period of four and a half years (as well as examinations during this period) after qualifying as a doctor and before recognition may be granted in this specialty. The period of training is similar to that required for specialist recognition in other fields such as internal medicine, surgery, dermatology and so on. This training is, of course, necessary to equip the would-be

family doctor with the skills needed to tackle the medical problems peculiar to the practice of family medicine which he will meet with his day-to-day professional work.

That family medicine is a specialty in its own right is shown by the findings, common to all objective studies on the matter, that between 80 and 90 per cent of all episodes of illness about which the family doctor is consulted are diagnosed, treated and followed-up without the patient ever coming near a hospital, either for an out-patient appointment or admission. Thus the vast majority of morbidity seen in this field is unknown to those doctors who work in hospitals and who are therefore not the best source of information on the nature and training requirements in this specialty.

Family doctors should certainly specialize — but that specialization should be in family medicine.

Family Doctor
(Name and address supplied, Kibbutz Harel.)

HOW TO END THE BLACK MARKET

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Tourism in Israel reached a record during the first two months of this year (74,000 visitors as against 54,200 during January and February 1976), but there is no corresponding increase in the dollars spent by these tourists. This is explained by the huge difference between the official exchange rate and the black market rate, which induces the tourists to use the latter. The only thing that the Government is doing to improve this situation is — according to The Jerusalem Post — to pump dollars into the black market in order to lower the rate of exchange.

The absurdity of this situation becomes even more evident if one takes into account the fact that the dollars entering this country via export trade have a special higher rate

of exchange, so that the official rate is intended mainly for tourists. Since it is now becoming quite clear that this official rate is counterproductive in terms of revenue from tourists, it is hard to understand why it is being artificially maintained.

If a new official exchange rate of 100 per dollar were introduced, this would not be a true devaluation, but a confirmation of the facts of life since most dollars are changing hands at approximately this rate anyway. A by-product of such policy would be a moral victory: it would deal a crippling blow to the black market, the tourists would become law abiding, and so would the Government, which could abandon the unworkable practice of pumping dollars into the black market.

DR. JACOB ROSE

THREE CHEERS FOR TV

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Three cheers for the Broadcasting Authority for this year's choice of TV programmes: "The Onedin Line," which is worth staying up for, "The Pallisers," "The Secret Garden," "The Fall of the Eagles." We now have a real evening's entertainment, something sorely needed here. Too often we spend the day battling with our myriad problems, only to find that the same problems are being discussed at great length on TV in the evening.

We hope that the Broadcasting Authority will continue to add more of the above-mentioned type of programme which we find entertaining and remove most of the "cops-and-robbers" and the overly-long discussions of our daily problems.

MRS. NATHANIEL PULVER
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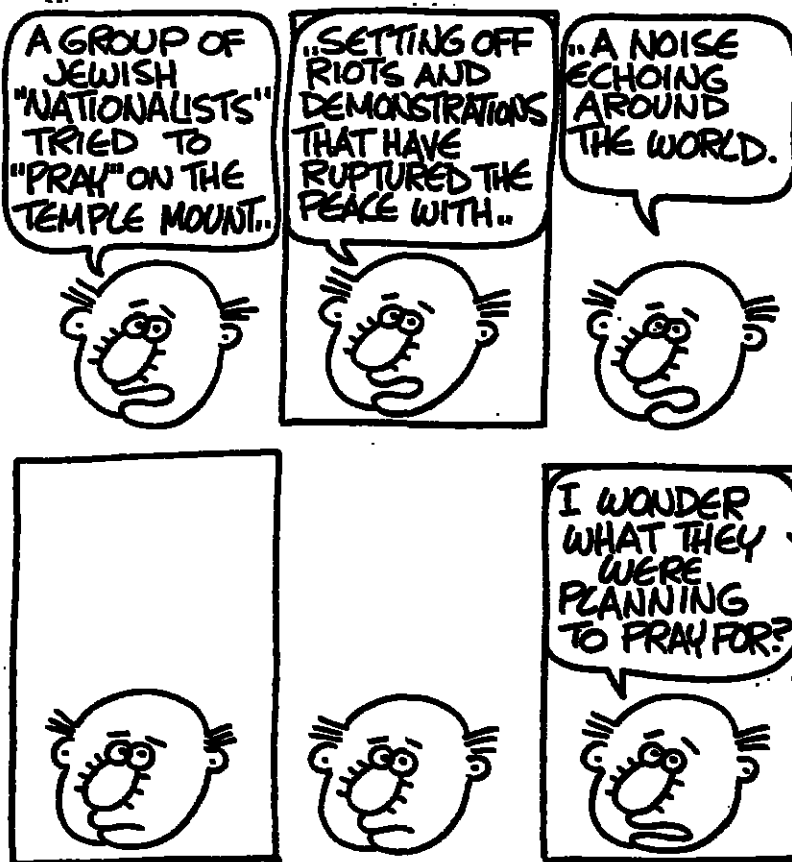
THE NOMINATION OF RABBI HAIM SEGAL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — With reference to my report of March 7 on the suspension of a new dayan, may we point out that, at the meeting of the nominations committee of January 19, the Minister of Justice suggested to the Minister of Religious Affairs that a neutral personality be appointed to investigate the accusations against Rabbi Haim Segal, and report to the committee within two weeks. He suggested that Rabbi Segal's nomination as rabbinical court judge be delayed until then.

Four members of the nominations committee supported this proposal, including the Minister of Religious Affairs and Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, and four members voted against the proposal, which was thus defeated.

SEEVY ROSENBERG, Spokesman
Ministry of Religious Affairs
Jerusalem.

Dry Bones



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Exploiting the unrest

DAVAR (Histadrut) deals with the West Bank disturbances: "The initiative taken by the Moslem countries in order to exploit the recent unrest on the West Bank is no cause for surprise. All the diplomatic manoeuvres and the incitement in the Arab media should not divert the security forces from their main task — to preserve law and order on the West Bank. In this sense, the relative calm last Friday was an achievement, though overshadowed by the resignation of Sheikh Ja'bari. The arrest of a soldier who shot at children and youths in Abu Dis is proof that, even without the Security Council, the authorities have no intention of overlooking illegal acts by troops. Israel has no particular interest in the forthcoming municipal elections on the West Bank. If they prove to be the cause of incitement, the elections may well be cancelled. Restoration of order is a pre-condition for resumption of the efforts to seek a political option."

HA'ARETZ (Independent) writes that "the authorities in Jerusalem were right to decide to demonstrate a presence of force last Friday in order to avert the need to apply this demonstration, on top of the efforts by Moslem leaders to

calm the crowd, undoubtedly persuaded those for whom it was intended that the authorities would not tolerate disorders.

"It will be difficult to restore the normal relations between the military rule and the Arabs of the territories that prevailed until a few weeks ago, and this will be made even harder by the Security Council debate. We should not delude ourselves — however liberal the rule may be. The Arabs do not want it to continue. Even if Israel can deny accusations of harshness, she will find herself in a position of self-defence so long as she maintains that the problem of the West Bank is the least urgent of the political issues today."

AL HAMISHMAR (Mapam) approves the decision not to boycott the Security Council session. "Israel should use the opportunity to disprove the false propaganda against her at the Security Council and present, instead, the prospects for peaceful co-existence and mutual respect of rights between Israel and the Jordan-Palestinian state. Meanwhile, it is important to preserve law and order and curb the extremists on both sides — including those holding provocative prayers on the Temple Mount and establishing a settlement for 'show' at Kadum."

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